SUMMARY

PRESBYTERIES	Congregations	Ministers	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Attendance	Young People's Society Atten	CONTRIBUTIONS															
											Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia	3	1	9	5	5	6	126	1	55	.....	100	22	20	14	15	8	6	3	106	1	2	6	6	1,076	358	1,743
Iowa	9	10	39	30	65	59	817	30	762	185	1,459	498	285	385	314	159	1,192	93	4,671	236	76	59	50	5,147	5,141	19,797
Lakes	9	9	33	27	22	35	613	16	585	188	570	217	203	179	157	66	58	106	721	186	62	42	45	5,031	1,768	9,411
Kansas	18	18	71	56	147	105	1,589	80	1,574	328	1,307	1,141	352	487	373	176	154	205	2,410	300	147	84	81	9,045	6,307	22,569
Pittsburgh	27	42	118	68	137	136	2,151	52	2,605	566	3,463	1,427	2,112	994	1,649	469	335	784	3,344	1,927	501	214	202	20,840	15,662	53,923
Ohio	6	3	19	14	14	6	271	2	166	45	269	72	66	120	67	43	19	45	678	30	48	11	11	2,300	805	4,584
Colorado	6	9	18	19	74	30	355	22	107	132	316	522	72	79	54	41	20	74	471	133	59	22	21	2,953	1,626	6,463
Vermont	3	2	10	5	2	4	130	....	175	... ..	256	101	43	41	62	22	31	17	10	60	20	14	14	906	335	2,022
Philadelphia	3	6	22	11	41	47	573	12	378	130	3,124	1,645	957	623	633	135	51	77	9,271	252	70	538	51	5,200	10,247	32,883
Rochester	5	4	18	11	13	18	301	9	252	57	278	79	71	76	78	43	18	50	51	34	40	24	24	1,823	1,460	4,149
New York	15	17	66	57	71	101	1,625	57	1,276	294	3,549	675	474	281	639	148	188	494	6,350	947	126	182	238	15,065	12,285	41,641
Illinois	9	9	39	37	49	56	766	21	802	136	822	500	313	318	274	149	42	68	574	205	173	44	37	5,236	4,687	13,442
Syrian Commission	2	2	....	....	38	28	341	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mission in China	....	....	....	....	10	....	23	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	115	132	462	340	688	631	9,681	302	9,037	2,061	15,513	6,899	4,968	3,597	4,345	1,459	2,114	2,018	28,657	4,311	1,333	1,240	780	74,712	60,681	212,627

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Moderator of Synod 1906, Belle Center, Ohio.

MINUTES

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Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

SESSION LXXVII.

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
BELLE CENTER, OHIO, MAY 30TH, 1906.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met pursuant to adjournment in the Belle Center Reformed Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, May 30th, 1906, at 10.30 A. M., and after devotional exercises its sessions were opened with a sermon by the Moderator, W. J. Coleman, from Isa. liii: 1—"Who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"

After the sermon the Moderator constituted the Court with prayer.

The roll was called and, being completed, is as follows:

ROLL.

COLORADO.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
CANON CITY	H. B. McMillan	
EVANS	J. M. Wylie	
LA JUNTA	Samuel Edgar	*J. A. Dodds.
LOS ANGELES	*P. J. McDonald	
SANTA ANA	†G. N. Greer	L. M. Samson.
SEATTLE		J. G. Love.
	T. H. Acheson	

ILLINOIS.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Bethel		J. E. Wilson.
Bloomington	*G. R. Steele	C. C. Faris.
Oakdale	J. C. French	*David Duguid.
Old Bethel	E. A. Crooks	John Marshall.
Princeton	D. C. Mathews	Chas. McElhinney.
Selma	S. F. Kingston	*D. Sprewell.
Staunton		Matt. Williamson.
St. Louis	M. M. Pearce	*Jas. Torrens.
	D. S. Faris	
	J. G. Reed	

IOWA.

Chicago	Robert Clarke	R. J. Wylie.
Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull	W. J. Marshall.
Rehoboth	J. A. Black	R. S. Buck.
Sharon	J. S. McGaw	*R. J. Allen.
Washington	W. C. Allen	W. Dougherty.

KANSAS.

Beulah		A. Walkinshaw.
Billings	W. C. Paden	Matt. Chestnut.
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers	David Popoweti.
Clarinda	J. W. Dill	J. F. Caskey.
Denison	D. H. Elliott	J. H. Braum.
Eskridge	Jas. McCune	W. B. Hay.
Hebron		J. Copeland.
Kansas City	A. J. McFarland, Jr.	W. J. Adams.
Long Branch	J. M. Johnston	J. J. Thompson.
Olathe	G. A. Edgar	T. G. Graham.
Sterling	J. Boggs Dodds	W. J. Connery.
Superior	W. T. K. Thompson	J. B. Gray.
Tabor	*S. E. Greer	
Topeka	†W. W. Wilson	J. R. Magee.
Wahoo		John Bernie.
Winchester	D. H. Coulter	A. M. Mitchell.
	W. S. Fulton	
	S. J. Johnston	
	G. R. McBurney	
	Isaiah Faris	

LAKES.

Belle Center	S. G. Shaw	John Mitchell.
Bellefontain	J. M. Faris	
Cedar Lake	C. M. Smith	D. S. Mitchell.
Cedarville	W. J. Sanderson	*D. S. Ervin.
Cincinnati	D. O. Jack	J. E. Huheey.
Fair Grove		R. J. Jamison.
Hetherton	E. G. Elsey	M. L. Roby.
Southfield	H. G. Patterson	*J. M. Henning.
United Miami	R. Hargrave	*J. Z. Quay.
	T. C. Sproull	

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Cornwallis	Thomas McFall	
St. John	†J. T. Mitchell*	

NEW YORK.

Boston First		J. C. Calderwood.
Boston Second	J. M. Foster	G. A. Calderwood.
Bovina	W. G. Robb	
Brooklyn	J. C. Slater	J. W. Pritchard.
Cambridge	G. W. Benn	
Coldenham	Thomas Patton	
New York Second	R. M. Sommerville	*H. O'Neill.
New York Third	F. M. Foster	*John Turbitt.
New York Fourth	*I. A. Blackwood	
Walton	R. C. Reed	S. P. St. John.
West Hebron	T. A. McElwain	Alex. McQueen.
White Lake	J. H. Pritchard	
	S. R. Wallace	

OHIO.

New Concord	A. A. Samson	J. W. Wilson.
Utica	R. A. Blair	R. A. Adams.
	*W. J. McBurney	

PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia First	T. P. Stevenson	D. J. McIlhatten.
Philadelphia Second	J. C. McFeeters	J. R. Dill.
Philadelphia Third	R. C. Montgomery	
	G. M. Robb	

PITTSBURGH.

Adamsville & Middletown	†J. G. McElhinney	W. S. Rodgers.
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	Geo. A. McKee.
Bear Run & Mahoning, Rehoboth	E. M. Elsey	*Andrew Pollock.
Beaver Falls First	J. S. Thompson	Wm. Pearce.
Brookland & Manchester, North Union	P. P. Boyd	Hiram Steele. J. C. Renfrew.
Central Allegheny	J. W. Sproull	
College Hill	R. H. Martin	R. M. Downie.
East End	D. C. Martin	C. J. Love.
Geneva	H. G. Foster	John Taggart.
Little Beaver	J. Renwick Wylie	*J. G. McAnlis.
McKeesport & Mon'la	B. M. Sharp	
Mercer	W. J. McKnight	
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	J. M. Wallace.
New Alexandria	R. J. Gault	J. R. Steele.
New Castle	J. S. Martin	M. W. Leslie.
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	

PITTSBURGH—CONTINUED.

CONGREGATIONS.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
PINE CREEK	A. Kilpatrtick	T. A. Hamilton.
UNION	A. Kilpatrtick	J. A. Forsythe.
PARNASSUS	F. M. Wilson	M. R. Mahaffey.
PITTSBURGH	D. McAllister	Thos. H. Boyd.
SLIPPERY ROCK		J. H. Magee.
WILKINSBURGH	*R. C. Wylie	
YOUNGSTOWN		Thomas Rambo.
	J. F. Crozier	
	Henry Easson	
	J. C. K. Faris	
	H. H. George	
	R. J. George	
	*W. P. Johnston	
	J. L. McCartney	
	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	
	E. L. McKnight	
	R. J. G. McKnight	
	D. J. Shaw	
	D. B. Willson	

ROCHESTER.

ALMONTE		R. S. Bowes.
SYRACUSE	John Yates	
YORK	J. B. Gilmore	Jas. Milligan.
	Wm. McFarland	

VERMONT.

BARNET	D. C. Faris	W. M. Hunter.

†Ordained since last meeting.

*Not present at first roll call.

Ministers absent: J. M. Armour, J. I. Frazer, J. K. Robb, T. M. Slater, J. T. Wilson, J. R. W. Stevenson, J. M. Littlejohn, Louis Meyer, R. A. Paden, M. A. Gault, E. M. Coleman, J. Ralston Wylie, S. McNaugher, J. W. F. Carlisle, J. R. Thompson, W. M. George, A. I. Robb, T. A. Rusk, Moses Greenberg, E. F. Sherman, J. R. Latimer, R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, J. R. Baird, C. A. Dodds, R. J. Dodds, George Kennedy, J. J. McClurkin, R. J. McIsaac, J. L. Pinkerton, J. S. Stewart, J. A. Kempf, W. McCarroll—33.

Congregations not represented: Denver, Church Hill, Hickory Grove, Vernon, Holmwood, Barnesville, Jonathan's Creek, Londonderry, North Salem, Clarksburg, Lisbon, Lochiel, Craftsbury, Ryegate—14.

The following persons were placed in nomination for Moderator: J. M. Foster, J. Renwick Wylie, Thomas McFall. While the ballot was being taken the hour for recess arrived. Recess was taken until 3.30 P. M.

Prayer by H. H. George.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 3.30 P. M., Synod met, and was led in prayer by the Moderator, W. J. Coleman.

The roll was called. Absent: J. G. Reed, Charles McElhinney, Matthew Williamson, D. H. Elliott, W. S. Fulton, J. H. Magee, all of whom soon appeared. R. C. Wylie, I. A. Blackwood and H. O'Neill appeared for the first time at this session.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

Election of officers completed. J. Renwick Wylie was chosen Moderator, and the former Clerk and Assistant Clerk, R. C. Montgomery and J. C. French, were continued.

J. B. Gilmore and J. H. Pritchard were appointed Reporters.

Report of Committee on Order of Business. Report was received, amended, adopted and is as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Wednesday, 10.30 A. M.—Constitution of the Court; Election of Officers; Reports of Committees on Order of Business; Devotional Exercises and Unfinished Business.

2 P. M.—Reports of Boards of Sustentation, Church Erection, Seminary, Foreign Missions.

Thursday, 9 A. M.—Reports of Boards, Central, Jewish, Control; Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

2 P. M.—Reports of Presbyteries, of Stated Clerk on Statistics, on State of Religion.

7.30 P. M.—Conference on the State of Religion.

Friday, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees on Testimony Bearing; Report of Executive Committee of the National Reform Association; Report of Committees on Sabbath Schools, Young People's Societies, Systematic Beneficence, Temperance.

2 P. M.—Reports of Mission Conference, of Committee on Signs of the Times, Psalmody, the Sabbath, Secret Societies, Evangelistic Work.

7.30 P. M.—Conference on Evangelistic Work.

Saturday, 9 A. M.—Reports of College Corporators and Trustees, of Committees on Records of Presbyteries, Foreign Missions, Home Missions.

Monday, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees on Theological Seminary and Education, Traveling Fund, National Reform, Discipline.

2 P. M.—Report of Committee on Finance.

7.30 P. M.—Conference on National Reform.

Tuesday, 9 A. M.—Reports of Committees on Sustentation and Church Erection, Foreign Correspondence, Supplies, Nominations.

S. G. Shaw
R. Hargrave
J. G. McConnell } Committee.

S. G. Shaw was instructed to have 250 copies of the report printed for the use of Synod.

The certificate of J. S. Tibby as representative of Synod's Board of Trustees was received.

Papers received:

Paper No. 1.—Communication from J. F. Hill, Corresponding Secretary of Permanent Temperance Committee of the Presbyterian Church. Referred to Committee on Temperance to report at this Synod.

Paper No. 2.—Communication from the Western Section of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of Reformed Churches. Received, and R. M. Sommerville, Fraternal Delegate, heard. Referred to Committee to be appointed to make reply, and the item of finance to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 3.—Report of Jas. S. Tibby, Treasurer of Literary Fund. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 4.—Report of Jas. S. Tibby on printing and sale of Minutes of 1905.

Paper No. 5.—Report of Jas. S. Tibby, Treasurer of the Trustees of Synod. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 6.—Report of Synod's Board of Trustees. Read and referred to Committee on Finance, with instructions that they prepare an abstract of the same to be printed as an appendix to the Minutes.

On motion of S. G. Shaw the hearing of fraternal greetings from the different ministers of the town was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

Synod adjourned with prayer by J. M. Foster.

MORNING SESSION.

Same place, Thursday, May 31st, 9 A. M., Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll called. Minutes were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Supplies.—J. C. Slater, R. C. Reed, E. M. Elsey, J. H. Magee, L. M. Samson.

Foreign Correspondence.—R. A. Blair, R. C. Wylie, R. Clarke, John Turbitt, J. R. Steele.

Theological Seminary and Education.—Thomas McFall, J. H. Pritchard, T. C. Sproull, M. W. Leslie, J. W. Wilson.

Traveling Fund.—J. Boggs Dodds, and Financial Agents of Presbyteries.

Nominations.—C. M. Smith, A. A. Samson, J. C. McFeeters, J. Z. Quay, R. J. Wylie.

Discipline.—T. H. Acheson, J. A. Black, D. B. Willson, D. J. McIlhatten, W. M. Pearce.

Finance.—W. C. Allen, R. H. Martin, T. P. Stevenson, T. H. Boyd, H. O'Neill.

Foreign Missions.—W. J. Coleman, E. A. Crooks, G. A. Edgar, W. J. Adams, W. J. Marshall.

Home Missions.—J. M. Foster, G. W. Benn, D. C. Mathews, R. M. Downey, R. A. Adams.

National Reform.—J. B. Gilmore, C. D. Trumbull, M. M. Pearce, W. Dougherty, J. G. McAnlis.

The sermon of the retiring Moderator was requested for publication in the church papers, and referred to the Committee on Testimony Bearing, with a view to being printed in tract form.

D. H. Elliott was appointed the Moderator's alternate to preach the sermon at the opening of next Synod.

D. C. Faris reported the death of Rev. J. C. Taylor.

Report of Board of Church Erection. Referred to Committees on Sustentation and Church Erection and Finance.

Report of Board of Sustentation. Same reference.

Report of Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary. Referred to Committees on Theological Seminary and Education, and Finance.

Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises. Report received, amended, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the last half hour of the morning session of Synod be spent in devotional exercises. Program as follows:

Thursday—Prayer for wisdom and for power in evangelistic work. Leader Rev. W. J. Sanderson.

Friday—Prayer for a spirit of faithfulness as stewards of God's treasures, for the consecration of wealth, and for divine direction in the use of funds contributed. Leader H. O'Neill.

Saturday—Prayer for missions—Home and Foreign, especially for consecrated laborers. Leader Rev. W. W. Carithers.

Monday—Prayer for reform work in all its different branches, and in particular for due recognition of Christ's authority as "King of nations." Leader Rev. J. M. Wylie.

Tuesday—Prayer for the presence, the guidance, and the power of the Holy Spirit in all the labors of the ensuing year. Leader Rev. C. D. Trumbull.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. W. Stevenson,
T. A. McElwain,
L. B. Turner.

Report on printing Order of Exercises. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Report of Board of Foreign Missions. Referred to Committees on Foreign Missions, and Finance. The paper of reference submitted with the report was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

At the request of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, on motion, the following record is made: Bequest of Miss Jennie B. Torrence, late of Tak Hing Chau, China, to the Mission in China: $231.28.

It was announced that next year would be the fiftieth anniversary of our Foreign Mission, and suggested that a service in commemoration thereof be arranged in connection with next Synod. Referred to Committee on Foreign Missions.

J. M. Foster presented a resolution relating to the baptism of the Greek Catholic Church. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 7.—Report of Treasurer Walter T. Miller. Referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 8.—Communication from S. S. Department of W. C. T. U. Referred to Committee on Temperance, to report at this meeting of Synod.

Paper No. 9.—Appeal and complaint from Brooklyn Session. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

Devotional exercises were engaged in, W. J. Sanderson leading.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M. Prayer by D. J. Shaw.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same place, 2 P. M., Synod met and was led in prayer by W. J. McKnight.

Roll called. Absent: J. G. Reed, J. S. McGaw. These soon appeared.

Minutes were read and approved.

The following pastors of the town being present were introduced and extended friendly greetings to the Synod: Rev. W. A. Atkinson, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. Williams, of the M. E. Church; Rev. I. McGay Knipe, of the U. P. Church, and Rev. H. E. Beckler, of the Church of Christ.

The courtesies of the floor were granted to all of the above brethren, and also to Rev. A. J. Johnston, of the U. P. Church.

The Moderator announced the following committees on Presbyterial Records:

Colorado.—S. J. Crowe, Isaiah Faris, David Duguid.
Illinois.—R. J. Gault, R. J. G. McKnight, J. G. Love.
Iowa.—S. R. Wallace, J. M. Johnston, James Torrens.
Kansas.—Thomas Patton, S. F. Kingston, R. S. Buck.
Lakes.—J. S. Thompson, S. J. Johnston, J. F. Caskey.
N. B. and N. S.—P. P. Boyd, E. G. Elsey, A. Walkinshaw.
New York.—S. G. Conner, H. G. Patterson, John Copeland.
Ohio.—W. T. K. Thompson, T. A. McElwain, W. S. Rodgers.
Philadelphia.—E. L. McKnight, W. J. McBurney, J. R. Magee.
Pittsburgh.—J. W. Dill, D. H. Coulter, John Bernie.
Rochester.—J. G. Reed, Henry Easson, W. J. Aikene.
Vermont.—D. H. Elliott, H. H. George, D. S. Ervin.

Geo. A. McKee, of the Allegheny congregation, presented an invitation for Synod to hold its next meeting in their church. On motion the invitation was accepted.

Paper No. 10.—Letter from Synod in Ireland. Referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

At the request of Rev. J. Williams, T. P. Stevenson was appointed to prepare a report of Synod for publication in the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

Paper No. 11.—Petition for the union of Lakes and Ohio Presbyteries. Referred to a Special Committee of five to be named by the Committee on Nominations.

Paper No. 12.—Report of R. P. Women's Association. The item of finance together with the Treasurer's report referred to the Committee on Finance. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE R. P. WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

The Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association would respectfully report, that the work of the past year, the ninth in the history of the Aged Peoples Home, called for thirty-three meetings—four regular and one called meeting of the Association, four regular and two special meetings of the Directors and twelve regular and two called meetings of the Board of Managers.

The meetings have all been well attended and were opened with devotional exercises, looking to God for strength and wisdom to help us in our weakness.

We have a membership of nineteen Life Directors; twenty-one Honorary Members; eighty Life Members, and two hundred and thirty-eight Associate Members.

The various committees have been diligent in the performance of their duties.

Two members have been admitted into the Home during the year, Mr. Robert Turner, of Brooklyn, N. Y., April 3, 1905, and Mrs. Cooley, of Beaver Falls, Pa., August 28, 1905.

Religious services have been held in the Home as often as possible, an unusually large number of the members were able to attend church, the Wednesday evening prayer meeting was led by the students of the Seminary, and the Elders of the Allegheny Church.

The Repair Committee have attended promptly to all needed repairs, a new fence being built at the front and rear of the property, new steps and repairs preparatory to painting the main building, at a cost of $340.99, the painting costing $160.00, making an addition of $500.99 to House expense.

Many kind friends visited the Home on our Annual Reception and Donation Day, and generous gifts of money, dry goods, groceries and fruit were received. The boxes of fruit given by the different congregations have been very helpful and much enjoyed by the members of the Home.

We are glad to report that our efficient Matron, Miss Ewing, and her helper, Miss Love, are still with us.

We are sorry to record the death of two members of our family, Miss Sarah J. Isaacs, who entered into rest March 2d, 1906, and Mrs. Rebecca Cameron, March 4th, 1906.

We desire to extend our thanks to the ministers and students who have given their services during the year, and to the editors of the church papers for copies received, and to the friends throughout the church who responded to the call of Synod for a collection for the Aged Peoples Home.

We have been left a bequest of five thousand dollars by Mr. John Porterfield, of Allegheny, but as we will not receive any of this money for a year, we again ask you for an appropriation of $1,000. The Congregational collections last year amounted to $371.89.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. J. Ward, *Secretary.*

Report of Central Board of Missions. Referred to Committees on Home Missions, and Finance.

Report of Jewish Mission Board. Referred, together with the Treasurer's report, to Committees on Home Missions, and Finance.

Report of Stated Clerk. Report received, adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF STATED CLERK.

OUR STATISTICS.

One report, that of a small Presbytery, was not received until May 24th. None of the others were delayed more than a couple of days. In several there were mistakes in addition. In one, objects not specified in the columns were written in the tables instead of inserted in a foot-note. In another only pastors were included in the column of ministers, and in another a mission station was included in the column of congregations. Notwithstanding these mistakes the large number of the reports were prepared with great care and were correct. Three congregations, 3 Home Mission stations and 1 Foreign were estimated or taken from last year's report.

Summary.—This year the number of congregations reported is 115; mission stations in America, 6; in the Syrian Mission, 4; in China, 1; ministers, 137, of whom one is an Armenian and one a Greek; licentiates, 6, one of whom, a Greek, is located at Larnica, Cyprus, and one, a Syrian, at Tartius,

Syria; theological students, 13, 7 of whom have been licensed; communicants, 9,719, an increase of 716 and a decrease of 665; Sabbath-school attendance, 9,189; Young People's Society attendance, 2,024, and a total of contributions of $219,033.

Congregations.—Eighty-three have pastors, 4 are supplied by unsettled ministers, 1 by a pastor, 1 by a missionary, 1 by a licentiate, 2 are under the care of the Syrian Commission; 1, Salem, was disorganized by the death of one of the two elders, September 6th, 1905; 1, Santa Ana, was organized by Colorado Presbytery on the 25th of August, 1905. The number is the same as reported last year, 115.

Mission Stations.—Oakland is under the care of the Central Board. The Jewish Mission of Philadelphia is under the care of the Jewish Mission Board. By the disorganization of the congregation, Salem became a mission station. The number in America is 6, an increase of 1. The 4 in the bounds of the Syrian Commission and the 1 in China are under the care of the Foreign Mission Board.

Ministers.—There were 4 ordinations and installations; 6 installations; 9 dissolutions of the pastoral relation. Rev. J. I. Frazer was received by the Colorado Presbytery from the United Presbyterian Church, May 29th, 1905; Rev. Walter McCarroll was received by the New York Presbytery, May 30th, 1906. The name of Rev. R. J. G. McKnight was omitted from the roll of the Pittsburgh Presbytery last year, but their total number was one more than it ought to have been. There was one death. The number is 137; 5 more than last year.

James Guthrie McElhinney was ordained and installed pastor of Adamsville and Middletown congregations, by Pittsburg Presbytery, at Adamsville, on June 22d, 1905; William Walter Wilson, pastor of Topeka congregation, by a Commission of Kansas Presbytery, on August 25th, 1905; James Thompson Mitchell, pastor St. John congregation, by New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Presbytery, on October 26th, 1905 and George Nesbit Greer, pastor of Santa Ana congregation, by Colorado Presbytery, on March 15th, 1906.

Rev. P. P. Boyd was installed pastor of Brookland and North Union congregations, by a Commission of Pittsburg Presbytery, at North Union Church, on June 20th, 1905; Rev. John G. Slater, pastor of Brooklyn congregation, by a Commission of New York Presbytery, on July 5th, 1905; Rev. W. G. Robb, pastor of Bovina congregation, by a Commission of New York Presbytery, on October 17th, 1905; Rev. G. W. Benn, pastor of Cambridge congregation, by a Commission of New York Presbytery, on November 16th, 1905; Rev. W. T. K. Thompson, pastor of Superior congregation, by a Commission of Kansas Presbytery, on January 12th, 1906, and Rev. P. J. McDonald, pastor of Los Angeles congregation, by a Commission of Colorado Presbytery, on March 23d, 1906.

The pastoral relation between Rev. W. G. Robb and Lochiel congregation was dissolved by Rochester Presbytery, at Lisbon, N. Y., on September 5th, 1905; between Rev. T. C. Sproull and Fairgrove congregation, by Lakes Presbytery, on October 11th, 1905; between Rev. E. L. McKnight and Youngstown congregation, by Pittsburg Presbytery, at Beaver Falls, on October 9th, 1905; between Rev. G. W. Benn and Staunton congregation, by Illinois Presbytery, at Sparta, Ill., on September 12th, 1905; between Rev. D. S. Faris and Bethel congregation, by Illinois Presbytery, at Sparta, on September 12th, 1905; between Rev. Louis Meyer and Hopkinson congregation, by a Commission of Iowa Presbytery, at Morning Sun, on February 20th, 1906; between Rev. J. R. Latimer and Slippery Rock congregation, by Pittsburg Presbytery, at Allegheny, on May 8th, 1906; between Rev. W. J. McBurney and Muskingdom and Tomika congregations, by Ohio Presbytery, at New Concord, on May 15th, 1906, and between Rev. J. C. French and Oakdale congregation, by Illinois Presbytery, at Belle Center, Ohio, on ——— ——, 1906.

Three pastors have double charges.

Rev. J. C. Taylor died at East Croftsbury, Vt., on December 3d, 1905.

Of the ministers without charge, 4 are stated supplies, 7 are foreign missionaries, 3 are laboring under the direction of the Central Board, 1 under the direction of the Jewish Mission Board; 2 are professors in the Theological Seminary, 3 in Geneva College, 2 are engaged in reform work, 1 in Testimony Bearing, 7 are unable to engage in the work of the ministry, 7 are engaged all or part of their time in secular employment. All or part of the time of the others is at the disposal of Synod.

Licentiates.—Ernest Chalmers Mitchell was licensed by Lakes Presbytery, at Northwood, Ohio, on May 3d, 1906; John Coleman, Augustus Theodore Smith and David Raymond Taggart, by Pittsburg Presbytery, in Allegheny, on May 8th, 1906: Wm. Otis Ferguson and Wm. Melville Robb, by Iowa Presbytery, at Washington, Ia., May 1st, 1906, and Alva Allison Wylie, by Ohio Presbytery, at New Concord, Ohio, May 15th, 1906.

Communicants.—Kansas, Pittsburg, Colorado, Vermont Presbyteries, the Syrian Commission and the Mission in China and forty-one congregations report a net increase; New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Iowa, Lakes, Ohio, Philadelphia, Rochester, New York, and Illinois Presbyteries and 51 congregations report a net decrease. The remaining congregations either report the same or make no report. There is a net increase of 51. There is an increase in the American Church of 12.

An increase in contributions is reported in the Chinese Mission of $7,483; in the Home, of $4,364; in the Southern, of $581; in the Jewish, of $435; in the Seminary, of $187; in Testimony Bearing, of $78; in the Widows' and Orphans', of $123; in salaries, of $1,898; in totals, of $6,406. A decrease is reported in the Syrian Mission of $724; in the Indian, of $253; in Sustentation, of $226; in Church Erection, of $3,039; in National Reform, of $845; in Aged Ministers' Fund, of $504; in Miscellaneous, of $3,152.

Parsonages.—A parsonage was built during the year by the Bear Run and Mahoning congregations, making a total of 20.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Sproull, *Stated Clerk.*

REPORT OF COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Colorado Presbytery reports: That we have held our regular and one called meeting during the year. We have seven Congregations and twelve ministers. Every Congregation has pastoral oversight, excepting Denver Congregation. A call has been made by Denver Congregation upon Rev. J. C. French, and it is expected that he will take up the work in that place about August 1st.

Rev. T. H. Acheson has removed with his family to Pittsburg, Pa., and expects to continue his labor in National Reform work. He still remains a member of Colorado Presbytery.

Rev. P. J. McDonald was installed pastor of Los Angeles Congregation on March 23d, 1906, and Geo. N. Greer was ordained and installed pastor of the Santa Ana Congregation, March 18th, 1906.

Presbytery has paid the sum of six hundred dollars, the amount in full to its missionary, Dr. Kate McBurney.

Rev. J. M. Armour is recommended for a share of the Aged Ministers' Fund.

Statistical reports have been forwarded to Synod's Stated Clerk; Rev. S. Edgar is Chairman of Committee of Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Milroy Moore, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report: We have held two regular meetings during the year. We have nine Congregations under our care; five of these have settled pastors.

Bethel Congregation at Sparta, became vacant January 1st, 1905, by the resignation of the Rev. D. S. Faris. At the time of his resignation he was the senior, by many years, in the pastorate of any minister in the State of Illinois, having served the one Congregation continuously for over 48 years.

The Staunton Congregation became vacant September 12th, 1905, by the resignation of the Rev. G. W. Benn, to accept a call to Cambridge, Mass. He was accordingly transferred to New York Presbytery. On May 31st, the Rev. J. C. French resigned the pastorate of the Oakdale Congregation to accept a call to Denver, Colo. In compliance with the desire of the Congregation and pastor, the request was granted, the separation to take place at the close of the twelfth year of the pastorate, August 1st, 1906. The Clerk of Presbytery was directed to issue to J. C. French a certificate of transfer to Colorado Presbytery, bearing the date of August 1st, 1906. On June 1st, 1906, the Rev. W. S. Fulton was received by certificate from Kansas Presbytery, and accepted a call to the Coulterville Congregation. Arrangements have been made for his early installation.

We have one student of theology under our care, R. W. Pifer, of the second year. He is recommended to the Board of Control for a share in the distribution of all Students' Aid Fund.

The Rev. D. S. Faris is recommended to the Board of Control for a share in the distribution of the fund for aged ministers. Miss Anna George, daughter of the late Rev. W. F. George, is recommended to the Board of Control for aid; provided her case comes under the rules governing said board.

We ask for the time of one laborer. Rev. M. M. Pearce is Chairman of the Committee on Supplies. Signed,

E. A. Crooks, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF IOWA PRESBYTERY.

The Iowa Presbytery would respectfully report: We have held three meetings during the year, two regular and one *pro re nata.* There are nine congregations in the Presbytery, three of which are without pastors. We have eight ministers on our roll. Isaiah Faris has had charge of the Oakland Mission through the year. J. M. Littlejohn is engaged in a secular pursuit at Washington, Ia. On May 1st, two students of the second year, W. O. Ferguson and Wm. M. Robb, were licensed to preach the Gospel. There are now three licentiates and one student of the first year under our care. The time of W. O. Ferguson and Wm. M. Robb from June 1st, Sab. until September 17th, and for the month of May, 1907; Louis Meyer from September 1st until next Synod, and W. J. McCullough for full time, is at the disposal of Synod. On February 20th, the pastoral relation between Louis Meyer and the Hoftsinton Congregation was dissolved by a commission of the Presbytery, which met at Morning Sun.

W. T. K. Thompson and Isaiah Faris were transferred to Kansas Presbytery; Licentiate George Greer to Colorado Presbytery in order to accept the call from Santa Ana Congregation.

Mrs. Emily M. Juliet Cannon was recommended to the Board of Control for additional aid.

Presbytery asks the full time of laborers for one and one-half time.

The statistical report was forwarded on time.

J. S. McGaw, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report: One regular meeting and one meeting by commission have been held since last Synod. Eighteen congregations are under our care, of which thirteen have settled pastors, two have stated supplies and three are vacant. Of the nineteen ministers on our roll, thirteen are settled pastors, one is stated supply, one is missionary and stated supply, one is professor in Amity College, and the time of the others, E. M. Coleman, S. J. Johnston and G. R. McBurney is at the disposal of Synod. We ask for the time of one laborer. Presbyterial examination was continued and most of the congregations have been examined.

W. W. Wilson was ordained and installed pastor of Topeka congregation, by a Commission, August 25th, 1905. W. T. K. Thompson was installed pastor of Superior congregation, by a Commission, January 12th, 1906. Mrs. Belle T. Dodds, Mrs. M. A. McMillan and Mrs. Jane Orr McClurkin are applicants to the Board of Control. Jas. McCune is chairman of Committee on Supplies.

ANDREW J. MCFARLAND, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF LAKES PRESBYTERY.

Our regular meeting was held in Fairgrove, Mich. Nine congregations are under our care, eight of which have settled pastors. The pastoral relationship between Fairgrove congregation and Rev. T. C. Sproull was dissolved October 11th, 1905. Rev. S. G. Shaw was installed pastor of Belle Center congregation, June 8th, 1905. February 3d, 1906, the Bellefontaine congregation made out a call on Rev. J. M. Faris. The call is still pending. May 3d, 1906, Ernest C. Mitchell was licensed to preach the Gospel, and his time is at the disposal of Synod until the opening of seminary, and from the close of seminary until meeting of Synod. The full time of Rev. T. C. Sproull is at the disposal of Synod. The one-half time of one laborer is asked for. The Presbytery unites with Ohio Presbytery in petitioning Synod for a union of the two Presbyteries.

Mr. Bruce Elsey has been received as a student of theology.

Fairgrove congregation has moved its church building into the village of Fairgrove and may well rejoice in its beautifully improved and well-located house of worship. The statistical report of the Presbytery was forwarded in due time to Synod's Clerk. The report shows a liberal increase in contributions.

Mrs. K. E. Smith and Mrs. Susan Love have been recommended for aid to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

R. Hargrave is chairman of the Committee of Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SANDERSON, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia would respectfully report:

We have held four meetings during the year.

Mrs. Margaret Lawson was recommended to the Board of Control for a share in the fund for Widows' and Orphans.

Licentiate James T. Mitchell was ordained to the Gospel ministry and installed pastor of the St. John congregation, October 26th, 1905.

Rev. T. J. Allen supplied Barnesville twenty Sabbaths last summer, and Mr. John Coleman is supply for Barnesville during seminary vacation this year.

Our traveling fund is paid in full.

JAMES T. MITCHELL, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

New York Presbytery would respectfully report: One regular meeting has been held during the year. In connection with this meeting two conferences were held, one on the evening of meeting, the second on the following morning.

Our Presbytery enrolls fifteen congregations. With the exception of Kortright, all have settled pastors. Of our twenty ordained ministers three are in the foreign field, one is engaged in secular work, one is laid aside from active ministerial work by continued illness, and one, S. R. Wallace, is filling appointments. His whole time is at the disposal of Synod. The certificate of Walter McCarroll was received from the Eastern Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and his name added to the roll. J. C. Slater was installed pastor of the Brooklyn congregation on July 5th, 1905; W. G. Robb was installed pastor of the Bovina congregation on October 17th, 1905, and G. W. Benn was installed pastor of the Cambridge congregation on November 16th, 1905. Mr. Robb was certified from Rochester Presbytery and Mr. Benn from Illinois Presbytery.

Mrs. Rosamond Johnston and Miss Elizabeth Williams are recommended to the Board of Control for a share in the fund for widows and children of deceased ministers.

Our statistical report was forwarded to Synod's Stated Clerk. Our traveling fund is full. F. M. Foster is chairman of Committee on Supplies. We require the time of one laborer for July and August.

JOHN H. PRITCHARD, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report: Since the last meeting of Synod we have held two regular meetings.

We have six congregations and two mission stations under our care, two of which have settled pastors.

W. J. McBurney was released from the pastorate of Muskingum and Tomica on May 15th, 1906.

We have one licentiate, Alva A. Wylie, theological student of the third year. The time of Alva A. Wylie during present vacation and May, 1907, and W. J. McBurney is at the disposal of Synod.

We ask for three-fourths of the time of one laborer for the coming year.

The days of thanksgiving and fasting were observed in our congregations.

Our traveling fund is reported full.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

A. A. Samson is Chairman, Committee of Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. McBURNEY, *Clerk.*

(Alva A. Wylie was recommended to the Board of Control for aid. Added by consent of Synod.)

REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

The Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report: We have held two regular and two special meetings during the year.

We have three congregations, all located in the city of Philadelphia and all having settled pastors. We have two mission stations. In addition to the three pastors we have three other ministers. One is superintendent of the Jewish Mission; another takes appointments to preach throughout the Church; another is engaged in secular occupation.

We have nothing special to report. The regular work of our congregations has been carried on as usual. Days of fasting and thanksgiving have been observed.

We report our traveling fund paid in full.

We ask for the time of one man for one month.

J. C. McFeeters is the Chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. Robb, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.

Pittsburg Presbytery would respectfully report: During the last year we have held two regular meetings and one special meeting. J. G. McElhinney was ordained and installed pastor of Adamsville and Middleton Congregations at a special meeting held June 22d, 1905, in the Adamsville Church. P. P. Boyd was installed pastor of North Union and Brooklan l Congregations by a Commission of Presbytery, June 20th, 1905, in the North Union Church. The pastoral relation was dissolved between Youngstown Congregation and E. L. McKnight, October 24th, 1905, and between Slippery Rock Congregation and J. R. Latimer, May 8th, 1906.

There are in our Presbytery twenty-six Congregations. Salem Congregation was disorganized September 6th, 1905 by the death of Elder Joseph McGiffen.

We have on roll forty-four ordained ministers and six licentiates. Of the ordained ministers twenty-two are pastors, three having double charges, one is engaged in Sab. Reform part of his time, and one has been engaged for three months during the last year in Testimony Bearing. Of the remaining twenty-two ordained ministers, one has been appointed Stated Supply, half-time for six months; three are foreign missionaries; one is engaged in Testimony Bearing; one in National Reform; three in the College; two in the Seminary; one in study during the last year; six are without charges, and five are superannuated.

Two of our licentiates are professors in the College, and one has been studying during the year at Princeton.

At our last meeting of Presbytery, May 8th, 1906, three students of theology were licensed, viz.: John Coleman, A. Theodore Smith and D. Raymond Taggart.

John Coleman will spend the summer months at Barnesville, and D. Raymond Taggart at the Indian Mission.

The following desire appointments: R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, H. Easson, J. R. Latimer, E. L. McKnight, R. J. G. McKnight, full time; and J. F. Crozier for the latter six months of the year; J. L. McCartney for three months; Licentiates A. Theodore Smith for the summer months and May, and John Coleman and D. Raymond Taggart for May.

There are under the care of Presbytery besides the three students licensed this year, two students of the second year, Archibald A. Johnston and Samuel G. Finney.

Presbytery asks the time of one laborer for the coming year.

J. C. K. Faris and J. R. Baird have been recommended for a share in the Aged Ministers' Fund, and Mrs. Charles Clyde and Mrs. Nancy Reed for share in the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. H. G. Foster is Chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Our quota to Synod's Traveling Fund is full. Our Statistical Report was forwarded in due time to Synod's Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. McKnight, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Rochester Presbytery would report as follows: During the past year two regular meetings have been held. At the former of these meetings, September 5th, 1905, W. G. Robb was released from the pastoral care of Lochiel congregation and certified to New York Presbytery. Almonte congregation, which was left vacant a year ago by the resignation of its pastor, made out a unanimous call during the month of last November, but the call was not accepted. This leaves three congregations without pastoral care, and one mission station in which there is preaching only at long intervals. We urge upon the consideration of candidates for pastorates our vacant congregations which have real needs and offer opportunities for valuable service for the Covenanter church. We have altogether in our Presbytery five congregations and one mission station, two settled pastors, and one minister without charge, Rev. William McFarland, whose whole time is at the disposal of Synod.

We have under our care one young man as student of theology, Mr. Robert Park, of Syracuse congregation, who expects to enter the Seminary in the fall of 1907.

We ask the full time of two workers.

The chairman of our Committee on Supplies is J. B. Gilmore. We report our Traveling Fund in full. Our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. Gilmore, *Clerk.*

REPORT OF VERMONT PRESBYTERY.

The Vermont Presbytery held its annual meeting at Barnet at 10 A. M., May 8th, 1906, according to adjournment. D. C. Faris constituted the Presbytery. There were two elders delegated, A. W. McLane of Barnet, and R. H. Gates of Ryegate. Craftsbury was not represented.

D. C. Faris was appointed Moderator, and R. H. Gates, Clerk. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the present officers were directed to sign them.

The next meeting was appointed to be held in Barnet on the second Tuesday of May, 1907, at 10 A. M., but if Synod thinks best we would prefer that the Vermont Presbytery be dissolved and our congregations be placed under the care of another Presbytery.

The days of Thanksgiving and Fasting were observed in Barnet. They were not observed in Ryegate. No report was received from Craftsbury.

D. C. Faris was appointed to supply at Ryegate and to hold a communion there. That congregation was recommended to the Central Board for help to the amount of $60.

The Barnet congregation was recommended to the Board of Sustentation for $261.

D. C. Faris was appointed financial agent, and to attend the Mission Conference.

The Presbytery took note of the death of Rev. J. C. Taylor, which occurred on December 3d, 1906, and adopted a suitable minute.

A rumor having come to the Presbytery that the congregation of Craftsbury was contemplating a change of denomination, D. C. Faris was appointed to investigate matters and report to Synod the facts found in order that if any be yet faithful Synod may send them supplies.

Presbytery directed that the minutes of the present meeting, which were read and approved and signed by the officers, be our report to Synod.

D. C. Faris, *Moderator.*

Report of Committee on State of Religion. Report received, adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

As to the relative condition of our Church, five sessions of the fifty-five reporting fail to see any improvement, and two can see but little. Ninety per cent. of the replies, however, are encouraging, and many are emphatic in their expression of improved conditions.

The protest against a divided and disintegrated conscience has been increasing in volume of late, as the gravity of the political and religious crisis facing the American people has been forced upon the attention of patriotic minds. It has been charged against Christian people that they "are often 'long' on theological orthodoxy and ecclesiastical propriety, and excessively 'short' on commercial integrity and political morality." As a consequence, their moral gait is halting. To avert the clash and ruin which thoughtful minds foresee is the duty of the hour. To accomplish this there must be a sincere acceptance of the Word of God as the only rule of faith and manners. Such being the case, it is pleasing to read in the reports of our sessions that though "some selfishness remains," though "some seek their own things, and cannot apply to themselves the law of love and self-sacrifice," yet, for the most part, our people make a genuine effort to regard God's Word as the court of last appeal in every relationship and activity of life.

Cheering reports are made concerning conditions in our homes. With very few exceptions, our people are faithful in the matter of personal, private devotion. Moreover, in many of our congregations family worship is observed in every home. Many report that if not in all, at least in the majority of their homes there is the family altar. In the matter of liberality almost all our congregations are improving. Though the drift of the day toward Sabbath desecration is sometimes felt, the majority of our people remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. General faithfulness characterizes the attendance upon the ordinary services of the sanctuary. In a few instances the attendance on days of special service is equally good as on the Sabbath. The majority of our congregations hold such services in high esteem, and attend them well. In a few instances the attendance is poor.

In the Christian career, when one becomes satisfied with his present spiritual condition, he has reached his culminating point. Ceasing to aspire, he will cease to progress and begin to recede. It is the destiny of the Christian not to be dissatisfied, but ever and increasingly unsatisfied. Some of our people do not evidence that earnest desire for higher attainment which they should experience. They are not alive, as they should be, to their need of continued and unremitted effort to advance. Yet, on the part of many, there is an earnest desire to attain the higher planes of Christian living.

Our evidence of personal salvation is an earnest desire for the salvation of others. If interest in missions, together with prayer and contributions for their support, the distributing of tracts, the holding of special services of a distinctively evangelistic character, and much personal effort to bring the unsaved into the kingdom be convincing evidence, there is, on the part of many, a strong desire for the salvation of souls. Many of our congregations appreciate the value of the Sabbath-school as an evangelistic agency.

Our people realize that the prayer meeting is important. No congregation has been reported as lacking such a meeting, and twelve have two such meetings, six have three, one has four, and one earnest congregation holds five separate meetings. These are distinct from the prayer meetings held by the young people's organizations. As to results, some see nothing that is special or marked, but the majority make reports that are encouraging. Of course, there are those who absent themselves from the fellowship meeting. Bad roads and distance and infirmity render attendance well nigh impossible for

some. But there are many who could attend who do not. Indifference, carelessness, backwardness, worldliness, business concerns, lack of the Spirit, failure to grasp the importance of the meeting, all serve as barriers to keep some away. Those who attend, despite the difficulties, are well repaid. A sustaining and deepening of the spiritual life, better grasp of eternal verities, increasing interest in the things that are more excellent, close and helpful fellowship with the people of God, these and other desirable results are sure to attend upon those who neglect not the assembling of themselves together in the social meeting.

Faithfulness in private devotions, in family worship, in attendance upon public worship, love for the Sabbath, increasing integrity in regard to financial stewardship, earnest desire and effort for personal righteousness and for the salvation of others—all have their legitimate fruit in large numbers of our young people making an early profession of their faith in Christ. While in a few localities many baptized members have repudiated baptismal vows or have sought membership in sister denominations, in many congregations all, or almost all, baptized members of discerning years have come into full membership in the Church. Those reported as failing to do so form less than 10 per cent. of our baptized members over 14 years of age.

Progress is the law of the spiritual life. In spiritual as in material concerns, eternal vigilance is the price of liberty—the liberty wherewith Christ makes us free. In every sphere of personal experience, in every department of our denominational life, there is room for improvement. And loyalty demands such improvement. There are some particulars, however, in regard to which the reports received by your committee indicate *special* need of improvement.

A larger percentage of our communicants should be enrolled in the Sabbath-school and be regular attendants. One-third of those replying to the inquiries of your committee report that only from one-sixth to one-half of the membership of the Church are attending the Sabbath-school.

A number of reports lament that the young people are not attending the Congregational Prayer-meeting as they should. An effort should be made to induce both old and young to take a keen interest in this phase of the Church's work.

In reply to the question, what special opportunities for Bible study are offered your people and embraced by them? the majority of the reports referred to the ordinary services of the Church, the preaching, the prayer-meeting and the Sabbath-school. This implies that for the most part no effort is made to conduct special classes in Bible study. In fifteen congregations special classes are conducted and with good results. One congregation records five distinct efforts of this kind—a special Bible class, special sermons on Bible study, a study of New Testament literature and doctrine, outlines for the young, and Bible circles with daily readings. Other congregations follow some of these lines and other classes also are mentioned, such as a Scripture Union, class in the Testimony, with Bible studies on the subjects treated, studies by the Ladies' Missionary Society, normal classes, classes in catechism, training-class for the young, a half-hour class following the weekly prayer-meeting, a study of 1200 Bible questions, and a teachers' meeting held in the city under the auspices of the State Sunday-school Association. One pastor, who is doing much along this line, adds in a foot-note: "This work is full of encouragement." More general attention should be given to this work, for it is fundamental to all else.

Every age has its problems. To the present age there has come a sudden and vast expansion in political and industrial development. New conditions present new problems. It is the opportunity and the duty of the Church to aid in the solution of these modern world problems. The unhappy distinction made between matters secular and religious should no longer form the boundary line of the Church's activities. Our congregations are reaching out in the effort to fulfill this broader mission of Christianity. In reform work, in co-

operation with Law and Order Leagues, in charitable and philanthropic work, in efforts to solve the social questions of the hour and of the various communities, many, but not all, are doing good and laudable work. The Christianity of Christ can solve the problems of the race. Be it ours to apply the principles of our faith in solving the problems of whatever nature which confronts this generation.

JOHN H. PRITCHARD,
W. S. FULTON,
J. F. CROZIER,
I. R. MAGEE.

Report of the Board of Control. Item of finance referred to Committee on Finance. Report received, adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF CONTROL.

Your board held its annual meeting last November and made distribution of the funds placed at its disposal. Other applications for aid were afterward considered and granted

Those who received assistance from your funds were four aged ministers, seven students of theology, nine widows and three orphans, in all twenty-three; one more than reported last year.

On account of the low condition of the Students' Aid Fund, and of the fund for widows and orphans, we were not able to give the applicants wishing to draw from these funds the help to which we believed them to be entitled. In some very needy cases of widows and orphans, we were able to vote only very inadequate assistance. It is sad that after a minister has spent his life in the work of the Church under conditions that render it impossible for him to make any provision for his family beyond the wants of the present hour, his widow and helpless children should be left to struggle as best they can with the hardships of pinching poverty.

In the case of students of theology, the state of the treasury was such that only 65 per cent. could be paid on the orders we gave them.

When so many lucrative openings are attracting young men of education in other directions, and denominations around us are complaining of the steady decrease in the number of students that are entering their seminaries, we should not allow the bright young men of our Church, who are putting the gospel ministry above the worldly allurements of the day, to be crippled and embarrassed in their efforts to prepare themselves for the work of preaching Christ to a lost world. The cost of living has vastly increased within the last decade, and sums once sufficient to meet the wants of a student are now very inadequate. We must say, however, that the amount usually asked by our students is quite modest, and in no case exorbitant. In the high degree of prosperity that is now abounding in our country on every hand, it is not right for the Church to allow a young man to enter the ministry under a burden of debt, contracted to fit himself for his work, which he must struggle to pay on a salary that on the average is less than the wages of a coal miner, bricklayer, or other artisan.

We therefore urge the Church to increased liberality in its contributions in aid of our students, and in relief of our widows and orphans and others who are looking to us for help.

The term of J. A. Black and S. O. Carson expires this year, and their successors are to be chosen.

We ask the following appropriations for the ensuing year: Aged Ministers, $1,500; Widows and Orphans, $2,500; Students' Fund, $1,500.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BLACK, *Secretary.*

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business. The report was taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1.—Committee on Revision of Psalter. The Committee reported and the report was taken up item by item for adoption. All the items were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

PSALMODY REVISION.

The Joint Committee on a Uniform Version of the Psalms in Meter held no meeting during the past year so your committee has nothing in the way of progress to report. The proof copies of the revised version were to have been in your hands shortly after the meeting of Synod, but were not printed and distributed until about October 1st, thus shortening the time for examination. This we regretted, but could in no way avoid.

There is a fair prospect that another meeting of the Joint Committee will be held in which all suggested corrections and emendations may be considered, and your committee has already signified its approval of such a meeting. If any changes are made in the version, it will need to be printed again and some provision should be made to meet the necessary expense. It is quite possible that other churches may take some action providing for the selection of tunes, a matter of no small importance, but as your committee has no definite knowledge of what is proposed for the coming year on this subject, we make no recommendation on this point.

We recommend:

1. That the action of your committee in favoring another meeting of the Joint Committee be approved.
2. That in case the version be further revised the Treasurer of the Literary Fund be authorized at the request of your committee to pay fifteen, or if need be, twenty-five dollars to meet our share of the expense of reprinting, and that he be also authorized as before to have one copy of the revision sent to each minister of the Church.

W. J. Coleman,
David McAllister,
T. P. Stevenson.

Items 2 and 3.—Attended to.

Item 4.—The Moderator and Clerk to write Dr. Mathews asking for an explanation of the seeming discourtesy to our delegate to Alliance of Reformed Churches. W. J. Coleman reported that the matter had been attended to. The explanation of Dr. Mathews was read, and on motion it was deemed so far satisfactory that we recommend that the matter be dropped.

Item 5.—Attended to.

The hour for adjournment having arrived the report was laid on the table for the present.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Thomes McFall.

Same place, Friday, June 1st, 9 A. M., Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll called. G. R. Steele appeared for the first time.

Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Nominations reported. Report received, adopted and is as follows:

Committee on Death of Rev. J. C. Taylor.—D. C. Faris, S. R. Wallace, J. W. Wilson.

Committee on Union of Lakes and Ohio Presbyteries.—J. A. Black, R. Hargrave, A. A. Samson, Wm. Pearce, J. G. Love.

C. M. Smith, *Chairman.*

S. G. Shaw reported that a telephone had been installed in the church, for the use of the members of Synod, free of cost. The thanks of Synod were expressed by a unanimous vote.

Paper No. 13.—Memorial of Colorado Presbytery. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

The courtesies of the floor were granted to Rev. H. J. Bell of the U. P. Church of Roundhead, Ohio.

Reports of Presbyteries. The following reported: Colorado, Kansas, Lakes, New York, Ohio, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Iowa, Rochester and Vermont. In regard to Vermont the following action was taken: That the report of Vermont Presbytery be adopted; Rev. D. C. Faris to copy the report, omitting certain details unnecessary for our minutes, and to furnish this copy to the Clerk. The item in the report as to the continued existence of the Presbytery to be referred to the special committee already appointed. The other reports were all received, adopted and referred to the appropriate committees.

On motion the members of the Craftsbury congregation are not to be counted this year in the estimate for Traveling Fund.

The following was adopted: Resolved, That inasmuch as the case of Rev. W. McLeod George is well known to the Synod, Synod grants to him the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars from the fund for aged ministers; the Clerk of Synod to draw the order for this amount on the Treasurer of Synod in favor of W. M. George.

Report of Committee on Testimony Bearing. Report received and taken up item by item for adoption. The items were all adopted, and the one concerning finance referred to the Committee on Finance.

While the report as a whole was under discussion the hour for devotional exercises arrived.

Devotional exercises were engaged in, R. J. George leading.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M. Prayer by L. M. Samson.

Same place, 2 P. M., Synod met and was led in prayer by D. O. Jack.

Roll called. Minutes were read and approved.

William Pearce, on account of death of a relative, was granted leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The Clerk announced that on account of the death of one of the members of his congregation it would be necessary for him to return to Philadelphia at once, and asked to be excused from the remaining sessions of Synod. The request was granted.

F. M. Foster was elected Clerk, pro tem.

Discussion of report on Testimony Bearing was resumed with A. J. McFarland, Sr., on the floor.

The report was adopted and is as follows:

TESTIMONY BEARING.

We ought to congratulate ourselves that our whole Church stands for the truth for which we testify, giving us an opportunity to bear our witness in company with a body of believers, having the weight and momentum of a united force and that we are not obliged to speak singly and alone for what we believe to be right. It gives us additional strength, too, that this same testimony has long been maintained by a line of distinguished ancestry who in days of storm and stress remained faithful to the truth committed to their charge and with self-denying patience passed it down unimpaired to us their children, that it might be preserved in its purity and power.

We find it sadly true as we consider this position that the need for our testimony is growing rather than becoming less, that the difference between us and our nearest neighbors is increasing and that a greater emphasis than ever before must be placed on the principles which distinguish us among the churches. Some who have stood with us must now be counted on the opposite side and we stand alone in more positions than we did in former times. If we are right, and with regard to this our certainty is strong, we need to stand all the more courageously and loyally, trusting in the might of our royal Redeemer for whose rights we testify.

At the same time it behooves us to look well to the life of our own Church, that we may not, by yielding to popular desires, be silent on the truth which the world does not wish to hear, letting the youth grow up without being indoctrinated in the principles of our profession, or by laxity of discipline allow matters in the Church to run so loosely that the process of disintegration shall begin within our own borders. Weakness, cowardice and concession are fatal to a people set to maintain an unpopular testimony in the face of a determined, keenly-observant and aggressive world.

We review briefly the work of the past year.

Dr. A. J. McFarland reports that he was engaged for the months of June, July, August and most of September in Western Pennsylvania, October in Southern Michigan and Eastern Iowa, November and December in Kansas and Oklahoma and February, March and most of April in Ohio, Indiana, Southern Illinois and Eastern Kansas.

The sermons or lectures delivered in Covenanter churches were 42, in United Presbyterian churches 10, in Presbyterian churches 10, in Methodist churches 6, in Christian churches 3, in Baptist churches 2, in Reformed and Cumberland Presbyterian churches 1 each, in Conferences 8, in college chapels, theological seminaries, halls and school houses 15—in all 98.

Four Conferences in the interests of the work were held in the months of October and November: the first in Morning Sun, Iowa, and the three following in Eskridge, Denison and Topeka. All these were held in Covenanter churches, and the three in Kansas were planned by a committee of Kansas Presbytery and held within ten days, the same programme being carried out in each place. The plan proved satisfactory and effective, and it is felt that similar conferences could be held in many places where there is no Covenanter organization.

The Rev. W. J. McKnight was employed by the committee for two months and gave his whole time in February and March to the work. During that time he delivered forty lectures and sermons on the subject of "Testimony Bearing." Mr. McKnight followed his former plan, giving about five lectures in each place and on consecutive evenings. He also delivered 23 lectures in an additional month which he gave to the work beyond the time of his employment by your committee.

A full line of tracts is kept on hand and all who request them are supplied free of charge. No new tracts have been published by us during the year, but friends have provided special contributions for printing two or three, which will soon appear. A new edition of the Covenant of 1871 was printed. It will not be amiss to notice here that two very effective tracts, one on "Instrumental Music" by the Rev. J. S. Thompson and one on "Secrecy" by the Rev. J. S. McGaw, which we heartily commend as bearing strong testimony, have been published outside our committee.

Occasional sermons and lectures on our distinctive principles have been given outside our pulpits by some of our ministers, and we desire most earnestly that more would seize the opportunity to engage in the same work. It may not be that people are ready to accept and act on the truth, but they seem willing to hear it. We should not be unwilling to enter the open door.

Our balance at the time of our last meeting, May 8th, was $235.34.

We recommend: 1. That the ministry of our Church be strong and very courageous in testifying both at home and abroad to the great principles of our profession, and that the eldership be urged to sustain them in speaking the truth boldly, that the truth committed to us by the fathers and held in trust for the world may be preserved in its purity and power.

2. That Sessions give pastors occasional Sabbaths to go out and present our principles to those who have never heard them and aid in securing places where they may bear this testimony.

3. That all our members, and particularly our young people, be encouraged to familiarize themselves with the contents of the tracts published by this committee and that pastors form week-night classes for this purpose.

4. That the work of distributing these tracts be taken up with renewed energy, and that our young people devote some of their funds and time to buying, filling and directing envelopes, that the good people of their own neighborhood, city or State, may have an opportunity of knowing our principles and the reasons that sustain them.

5. That Dr. A. J. McFarland be reappointed Synod's lecturer on "Testimony Bearing."

6. That the committee be authorized to employ other workers as the funds provided will permit, and that preference be given to those whose full time is not taken by their congregations.

7. That the appropriation of $4,000 to carry on this work be continued.

W. J. Coleman,
R. J. Gault,
B. M. Sharp,
J. S. Thompson,
E. L. McKnight,
James S. Tibby.

C. D. Trumbull, in the absence of the regular Clerk, was appointed to sign railroad certificates.

Report of Executive Committee of National Reform Association. Report received and referred to Committees on National Reform, and Finance.

Report of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform. Report received and referred to Committee on Finance.

The Moderator appointed J. C. Calderwood a member of Committee on Discipline, in place of William Pearce, excused.

Report of Mission Conference. Report received and referred to Committee on Finance.

The following was proposed: That two hundred dollars be put at the disposal of Central Board of Missions, to investigate the field in Western Canada. Referred to Committee on Finance.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Presbytery reported. Report received and adopted and referred to Board of Control.

Report of Committee on Sabbath-schools. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath-schools would respectfully report that within the past six weeks questions were sent to representative schools in each Presbytery, with a view to ascertaining the methods in operation and the character of the work being done in these schools. The questions were suggested by observation and are as follows:

1. Do you use the International Sabbath-school Lessons, and are you entirely satisfied with them?

2. Do you feel that proper care is always exercised in the selection of your teachers

(1) As to spiritual fitness?

(2) As to mental fitness?

3. Do you feel that your teachers are conscious of their responsibility, and that they put forth every effort to lead the individual members of their classes to the Saviour?

4. Do your teachers, so far as you know, make the necessary careful and prayerful preparation before coming before their classes?

5. Do you feel that the Sabbath-school work of our Church is a success?

6. How might it be improved?

In only one instance were all these questions answered with an unqualified "yes." In a second case all were answered in the affirmative but one, which one was in regard to the teachers' preparation, to which it was replied, "We have no way of finding out, but evidently all make careful preparation."

All report the use of the "International Sabbath-school Lessons," only a few report entire satisfaction with them—the chief justification given for their use is that "they are convenient." A majority express a strong and well-founded desire for the "graded," or some similar system. Your committee is conscious of the difficulties accompanying any change in this particular and therefore hesitate to offer any suggestions. This much, however, may be said, that for the acquiring of systematic Bible knowledge the International Sabbath-school Lesson system is seriously defective, though serving a useful purpose.

In regard to proper care in the selection of teachers, a little over half answered in the affirmative. In nearly all our schools the selection and appointment of teachers are subject to the approval of Session. This seems to some to be proof positive that no mistakes can be made. There are several reasons why even with such supervision mistakes can be, and are made in the appointment of teachers. For example:

There may be one or more members of Session who are not in sympathy with Sabbath-school work and hence care very little who is doing the work.

Again, while all the members of Session may be in sympathy with the Sabbath-school work, but few are in vital touch with it, and hence know but little of its needs and of the qualifications necessary to successful teaching.

We believe that the Sabbath-school should be under the direction and supervision of Session, and that too great care cannot be exercised in the appointment of teachers. Our reports show that the great majority of our Sessions take an active interest and secure the best possible results from the material in hand, yet there are instances in which complaint is made that results do not appear in the conversion of the children in the school. This, in some measure, may be attributed to the fact that occasionally a premium is placed upon mental rather than spiritual equipment. If there be in a congregation a high school or college graduate, as a matter of course it is expected that he should teach in the Sabbath-school. At the same time he may know nothing experimentally of the saving power of Jesus Christ, yet he is expected to lead the members of his class to a Saviour whom he has never found. We are not placing a premium upon ignorance or illiteracy when we say that in selection of teachers preference should always be given to those who are genuinely converted. We would even presume to say that in no case should an unregenerate person be appointed to teach in the Sabbath-school whatever his mental qualifications may be.

The appointment of Sabbath-school teachers is little less important than the laying on of the hands, and the setting apart of men to the pastorate, therefore, too much care cannot be exercised, and in no case should an unconverted person be appointed to this solemn office. When such care is exercised, then, and *only* then, will the results be realized for which our hearts are longing.

In regard to the third question, as to the teachers feeling their responsibility and using every opportunity to lead the individual members of

their classes to Christ, one-half answered in the affirmative, the other half expressed grave doubts. Some even acknowledged failure in this most important phase of the work. That there is failure here is true beyond a doubt; perhaps in the answer to the preceding question "carelessness in the selection of teachers" may be found the cause of failure here. And yet not altogether so, for it is possible even for an earnest, consecrated teacher to grow careless and hence fail in this particular. The average pastor and Sabbath-school teacher in our Church take too much for granted. We are not to suppose that because a child has been brought up in a Christian home he is a Christian. He may be, and he may not be. It is possible for a person to be familiar with the Bible, and to be above reproach so far as outward conduct is concerned. He may be a child of godly parents and yet himself be unconverted. It is the duty, therefore, of the Sabbath-school teacher to find out who in his class are, and who are not Christians, and then seek every opportunity to lead those who are not to the Saviour.

Perhaps the greatest cause of failure in this soul-saving work may be found in the teachers. After all but few seem to feel their responsibility. They are not sufficiently impressed with the necessity of the new birth, and hence are satisfied with intellectual results, and here may it be said the teachers are not altogether to blame. As a denomination we are negligent in this regard. Very often pastors are satisfied if their sermons are grammatically and rhetorically correct, regardless of the fact that the sermon which fails to lead to conviction and resolution is a failure. Perhaps if we pastors would set the example in showing our concern for the lost, and in definite effort to reach them, there would be more of it manifested in our Sabbath-school teachers. Nothing, let us depend upon it, will take the place of the personal touch and the personal appeal, and to do this successfully there must be a bond of personal love between teacher and scholar.

How to bring this about, and how to impress teachers with a sense of their privileges and responsibilities, is a problem. Perhaps *we* may well pause at this point, and ask *ourselves* the question, are *we*, who are in a special sense entrusted with the care of souls, always conscious of our responsibility? In our answer to this question may be found the solution of the difficulty.

As to the teachers' preparation before coming before their classes, the majority expressed the conviction that conscientious preparation was made by all, or nearly all the teachers. The thought was expressed by one, "that those who need it most seek it least." This is no doubt universally true. It is hardly too much to say that such indifference and neglect of duty show a lack of the essential qualifications for Sabbath-school teaching, and, if persisted in, should be sufficient grounds for compulsory retirement.

That the work of our Sabbath-schools is a success is admitted by all, yet the answers to this question are hardly satisfactory. All answered the questions from the standpoint of comparison. When we compare our Sabbath-school work with that of other denominations no doubt there is room for congratulation, but when viewed from an independent and spiritual viewpoint the impression is not so encouraging. Many children come into our Sabbath-schools for a time, and pass out again, seemingly unimpressed with their lost condition, and in all the time that they were in our school no one ever talked with them about their need of a Saviour.

As to how our Sabbath-school work might be improved, a variety of answers were given, which in substance were as follows:

1. "The graded system."

2. "The same zeal in our Sabbath-school work as we manifest on week days in pursuit of money."

3. "Centralization of our people around the Church."

4. "Less formality in conducting school, and better preparation on part of teachers and scholars."

5. "A special preparatory class under a competent teacher with a view to leading into church membership."

6. "Use of best public school methods."

7. "Larger attendance of the church members." The person offering this suggestion states that but one-fourth of members of congregation attend Sabbath-school.

8. "By making the work more definitely evengelistic and missionary."

In closing, your committee has no resolutions to offer. The nature of the defects of our Sabbath-school work cannot be remedied by resolutions, however sweeping and voluminous. What is needed most of all is the infilling of the Holy Spirit, until pastors, officers and teachers are suitably impressed with the magnitude of their privileges and responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT CLARKE,
I. A. BLACKWOOD,
J. S. MARTIN,
JOHN W. PRITCHARD.

Report of Committee on Young People's Societies. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

According to the report adopted by the last Synod, your committee was instructed to report at this meeting how fully the recommendations with reference to special lines of study had been carried out. In accordance with this instruction a circular letter of inquiry was addressed to all the congregations in the Church. Fifty-eight replies were received; of this number, 17 congregations reported "no society;" of the 41 societies reporting, the answers were as follows:

1. Did your society follow the special topics based on the Covenant of 1871? Twenty-two societies answered yes; 11 no; 6 partly.

2. Did you conduct the course in mission study suggested, using the text book, "Princely Men of the Heavenly Kingdom?" Twelve yes; 29 no.

3. Did you follow any substitute course? If so, what? Six yes. Testimony, Teacher's Training Class, etc.

4. Was the recommendation for special prayer in connection with the course in mission study observed? Yes, by all who followed the course.

5. Have you carried out the suggestion as to lectures on particular books of the Bible viz., Jonah and Obadiah, Galatians and Philippians? Five yes; 20 no; 7 partially. Several reported equivalent work with other books of the Bible.

From these answers it appears that the topics based upon the Covenant were quite generally studied, while the other recommendations were largely disregarded. The explanation of this probably lies in the fact that the topics based on the Covenant were incorporated in the list of prayer meeting topics and were treated in the comments in the Church papers, the subjects thus being brought to the attention of the young people at the proper time. The other recommendations, not being specially mentioned outside the report of the committee, were probably overlooked by a majority of even the pastors. The inference seems to be that if it is desired to direct the young people to certain lines of study, these must be incorporated in or substituted for the regular prayer meeting topics provided by the United Society of C. E.

As to the advisability of making such substitution there may be some difference of opinion, but it is the belief of your committee that a majority of pastors will welcome some suggestions along this line, and that some such substitutions are needful. It is scarcely to be supposed that topics prepared by an international interdenominational committee should in all respects meet our specific needs. Such lists should be supplemented by special topics bearing on our distinctive work and principles. We wish our young people to be well informed with reference to the doctrines, institutions, Missions and general work of our own Church. A practical way of attaining this end seems to be to set them to studying along these lines, and in addition the practice of speaking on these subjects in the way of prayer meeting remarks cultivates the ability to publicly present and defend the principles for which we stand.

Great help and stimulus may be obtained through local or Presbyterial unions of our own young people where these are practicable, and with societies of other denominations where the fellowship does not involve the sacrifice of principle and the compromise of our testimony. All such fellowship should be on the basis of a Scriptural Psalmody and a divinely appointed mode of worship.

We recommend:—

I. That the missionary subjects in the regular list of C. E. topics be made to bear specially upon the Missions of our own Church, as follows:—

Sept. 30. Our Mission in China.
Oct. 28. Our Syrian Mission.
Nov. 25. Our Home Mission Work.
Dec. 30. Jewish Mission.
Jan. 27. Our Indian Mission.
Feb. 24. Our Mission in the Island of Cyprus.
Mch. 31. Our Southern Mission.

II. That topics bearing on reform subjects and on the distinctive principles of our Church be substituted for the regular topics as follows:—

Sept. 9. What does loyalty to Christ require of us as citizens of a nation which denies Him? Rom. 13: 1-7; Acts 4: 19; Is. 58: 1.

Oct. 14. The folly, sin and shame of secretism. Gen. 49: 6; 2 Cor. 6: 14, 18; Eph. 5: 11, 12.

Nov. 18. Temperance subject. No change.

Dec. 23. What should our Covenant do for us in the year 1907? What should we do for it? Ps. 105: 7-14; Acts 3: 25; Ps. 119: 106.

Jan. 13. The Praise Service—Its matter and manner. Col. 3: 16; Jno. 4: 23, 24; Heb. 13: 15.

Feb. 17. The Sabbath—Foes of, and how to combat. Neh. 13: 15-22; Ls. 58: 13, 14; Mark 2: 23-28.

Mch. 17. Our financial obligation to the cause of Christ. Mal. 3: 8-10; 1 Cor. 16: 2; 1 Cor. 9: 13, 14.

III. That the treasurer, J. S. Tibby, be instructed to publish 1,000 copies of the topics as revised, covering the months of September and March inclusive, paying for same from the Literary Fund. That he supply these to societies as ordered at a rate sufficient to cover the expense of printing and postage, the money thus received being returned to the Literary Fund. That societies which publish their own topic cards be urged to follow the revised list, and that those who prepare the notes on the young people's prayer meeting topics for the Church papers follow the same.

D. C. Mathews,
J. W. Dill,
D. C. Martin,
W. R. Marvin.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

We oftentimes apply to ourselves the term Bible Christians, on the ground that for us the Bible is the court of last appeal, the infallible rule and guide of our lives in every sphere of Christian activity.

One of the plainest teachings of the Bible is the obligation to contribute the tithe to the financial support of the Lord's cause.

Tithing rightly applied is a systematic plan of paying, and the obligation to use this plan and pay the tithe is emphasized and enforced in the Word of God, by approved examples, by positive precepts, by promises and by warnings. Notwithstanding these facts there are in our Church individuals, and individual congregations who are robbing God, "in tithes and offerings," appropriating for their own use that which belongs to another, and thereby forfeiting to themselves the term Bible Christians.

Now it is the judgment of your committee that one great reason why so many of our members fail to use the systematic plan of tithing is because of a lack of knowledge as to the application of the principle of tithing. While it is true that there are individuals and congregations who do not tithe, yet we as a Church agree as to the principle of tithing. But the diversity of application makes the principle of little effect in many lives. In fact, as we have said, it supplies an excuse more or less sufficient for not attempting to tithe at all.

The paying of the tithe is a vital matter that affects every interest of the Church. That there is a great diversity as to the application of the principle of tithing to the financial life of the individual, is shown by a personal canvass of the subject among a considerable number of individuals in different congregations over the Church, and also by a number of articles which appeared some two years ago in "The Christian Nation" on that subject, clearly indicating that our ministry and laity are all at sea as to the application of a principle that we as a Church accept, this Synod having repeatedly declared that the principle of tithing is the teaching of God's Word.

That there is a great necessity for a common acceptation and application of the principle of tithing throughout our whole Church is apparent from the hitherto depleted treasuries of our Boards and their pitiful pleadings for the necessary funds to carry on the Lord's work, and we believe if the proper application of this principle were made it would to a large extent relieve the financial straits.

Our members are urged to consecrate a part of their income to the Master's service, and to follow the systematic plan of tithing, but we have not told them what tithing is, nor how to tithe. The teachings from our pulpits on this subject have been for the most part too indefinite, dealing too much in generalities. We need more plain, practical, A, B, C instruction on how to tithe.

We therefore recommend:

First.—That all our ministers study the subject for one year and preach and write on it, in the hope that we may arrive at unanimity of application.

Second—To further facilitate this matter, we recommend that a special committee of five be appointed to set forth if possible the true explanation of the principle of tithing; said committee to report at the next meeting of Synod, this committee to be composed of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

S. E. Greer, *Chair. Com.*
C. McLeod Smith,
R. H. Martin.

Report of Committee on Temperance. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The evil calls for continuous thought, discourse and effort. Its calendar of crimes results in dreadful misery and many untimely deaths; in a ruinous waste of time and property; in much of poverty, impurity and insanity; and in a great burden of expense to civil governments. It is a great hindrance to many honest avocations, a dire disgrace and shame to society, and it fosters selfishness, graft and perjury, always. It is blacker and more intense in many cities every hour; and we could wish it might be the deep darkness before the dawn.

A strange madness is upon its devotees, and blindness upon many professing godliness; voting for license laws and officials who do wrong, renting property for saloon purposes or excusing so great iniquity. Shall we not prove our loyalty to our blessed Lord and our opposition to the god of this world though he be yet great in power? Appetites are deadly, and habits are vicious here; and a most villianous traffic is seeking to destroy and slay a great multitude of boys and girls. True temperance effort tends to righteousness—to Christ-like-self-control and helpfulness of others, to the keeping of many a record clean, and to the freedom of many intelligent and populous sections. As part of the battle-line of truth it cannot but make good in the end. The hosts of its friends and workers include many Governors of States—Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, as well as Maine and Kansas.

How boldly some of these have spoken during the past year. It is making progress—changing the Governorship in Ohio in November, strengthening the Maine law so that ships were filled and sent back to Boston, securing $17,500 damages for the children of drunken John Hedlund in Chicago, and gaining almost myriad local option victories in all quarters. Seventeen millions out of twenty-seven in the South are said to be under prohibition. Good work has been done by our brethren in Lochiel, Chicago, Walton, Beaver Falls and doubtless in other congregations in aid of this cause. May the thought, discourse and effort be more intense and the prayers be unceasing until the end of the wickedness shall come.

I. That we renew our testimony against our nation's partnership with the rum power.

II. That our leaders be exhorted to exercise themselves diligently in reproving, rebuking and exhorting concerning this with all long suffering and doctrine.

III. That parents and teachers be entreated to stir up the grace within them to teach the pure principles of sobriety and abstinence from both ardent spirits and tobacco.

IV. That we recommend the use of proper measures to prevent men from securing licenses to sell intoxicating liquors and also that we recommend the use of lawful measures to have their licenses canceled in case they are found violating the law.

V. That the request from the General Assembly Permanent Committee on Temperance for a permanent committee on temperance for mutual conference and combined effort in this work be granted, and that this committee take the place of the Standing Committee on Temperance.

VI. That the fourth Sabbath of November be a day of special discourse, thought and prayer in favor of the temperance reform.

WM. MCFARLAND,
WM. C. PADEN,
G. R. MCBURNEY,
R. J. MILLER,
H. A. YOUNG.
Committee.

Report of Committee on Evangelistic Work. Report recommitted.

On motion the Nominating Committee was instructed to report a committee to classify congregations receiving aid.

Synod adjourned with prayer by T. C. Sproull.

Same place, Saturday, June 2d, 9 A. M., Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll called. Several members did not answer to their names, but nearly all of these soon appeared.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion the Nominating Committee was instructed to report committees as follows:

1. To write a letter of sympathy to Rev. T. M. Slater because of the sudden death of his father, Thomas Slater, of Wilkinsburg.

2. To write a letter of sympathy to Rev. W. M. George.

Illinois Presbytery reported. Report received and adopted, and referred to Board of Control and Committee on Supplies.

Report of Board of Corporators and Trustees of Geneva College. Report received and referred to Committees on Theological Seminary and Education, and Finance.

Committee on Records of Presbyteries reported. Nothing was found in any of the records contrary to the law and order of the Church, except in those of Rochester, and Iowa. Reports all adopted.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions. Report received and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee appointed to consider matters relating to our foreign mission work would respectfully report that three papers have been referred to us, viz.: the regular report of the Foreign Mission Board, a question concerning a proposed Committee of Reference and Arbitration and a proposal that arrangements be made to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of our foreign mission work.

The Board of Foreign Missions has presented to the Synod what is in the main a very encouraging review of our work in the foreign field. The progress made in foreign fields in general shows us the wonderful advance of the kingdom of Christ among the heathen during the last half century, the time that has elapsed since our own foreign work was started. During this period our own record has been one to stir the heart when we are told how many ministers, physicians and teachers have left all and gone under the most trying circumstances to work among those who are dying

through lack of knowledge. Out of this heroic band nine have passed away, among whom is one who addressed us in moving words at the last meeting of Synod.

The work in Syria, Asia Minor and Cyprus is reviewed, statistics given and a bright prospect for the future set before us. The workers in Syria are sadly in need of reinforcements as it is impossible to do justice to the field with the present force.

The work in China is flourishing and a very encouraging increase of membership is reported. The converts are generally helpful in gospel work and a few natives are being trained to special usefulness. A widening of the work there is expected soon and the prospect is bright for the future. The little band of workers are bearing up bravely under their bereavements and God is granting them His blessing.

An increase is reported in the contributions to both the Syrian and Chinese Missions, showing the increasing hold that these missions have on the heart of the Church and also an increased realization of the gratitude we owe to God for our salvation. This increase of liberality may be traced in part to the increased knowledge of mission work which has been gained by the study of foreign missions.

In reference to the second paper referred to us which proposes a permanent Committee of Reference and Arbitration made up of representatives of Protestant Mission Boards in United States and Canada, to consider questions arising between missions, suggestions as to new fields and negotiations with the government, we report that we have looked into the proposal as carefully as we could and conclude that such a permanent arrangement is scarcely necessary. Our missionaries have lived on the most peaceful terms with their neighbor missionaries in relations of mutual helpfulness, and have no disputes to settle. Then there is much new ground to be occupied without crowding anyone. When negotiations with our government are necessary, our Board has co-operated with other Boards, using their whole united influence to gain the end desired. We think it safer and sufficient to take up each issue as it arises, according to the conditions which prevail and which indicate the wise course to pursue.

We recommend:

1. That the Synod in 1907 hold a session on Friday evening to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of our foreign missions and that the Foreign Mission Board arrange a programme for the meeting.

2. That the young ministers and young women of the Church be urged to consider earnestly the need of the field in Syria and the call for their services.

3. That we approve of the purpose of the Board to secure an increase of at least two ministers and two teachers in the Syrian field, and for such increase in the missionary force in China as the needs and opportunities of that great field require.

4. That the hearty approbation of the Synod be given to every effort to train native workers for active service.

5. That the Church be congratulatd on its increased liberality toward the cause of foreign missions and be encouraged to abound in this grace.

6. That the Missionary and Young People's Societies be urged to take up the study of foreign missions and that the Foreign Mission Board suggest the best text books to be used and the best methods of pursuing this study.

7. That we exhort all our members to read carefully the reports of the Board and the letters of missionaries, that they may have a living acquaintance with the workers and with the conditions of the field.

8. That we here record a tribute to the memory and character of Miss

Jennie B. Torrence and of Miss Martha Cunningham, who this last year passed from their work to their reward.

9. That the method so successful and satisfactory in the past of co-operating with other Boards to meet and settle issues as they arise, according to the conditions that obtain in each case, be continued, without entering into any permanent organization for this purpose.

W. J. Coleman,
E. A. Crooks,
G. A. Edgar,
W. L. Marshall,
W. J. Adams.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Fifty years ago the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church elected and commissioned Revs. R. J. Dodds and Joseph Beattie its representatives to the foreign field. The half-century that has passed away since that time has been marked by the most marvelous achievements. No period in the history of the world has been so fruitful in invention and discovery, the result of human research and ingenuity; yet indicating the providence of the Mediator, as He controls the minds of men and directs all their movements with a view to a world-wide recognition of His sovereignty. He is at the head of the missionary enterprise, and under His leadership many have gone into heathen lands with the gospel, and through its instrumentality, places that, five decades ago, were in gross darkness and full of shadowed homes, are now centres of Christian light and influence. Dismal spiritual swamps have been converted into fruitful gardens of the Lord. Then vast territories were closed to the gospel, but now the whole world, except a few corners, is ready to welcome its messengers, though to the reproach of the professing Church of Jesus Christ, at least two-thirds of an immense estimated population of 1,500,000,000 do not yet know the name of the Redeemer and King.

Statistics Then and Now.

In 1856, according to a manual prepared by Dr. John C. Lowrie, Secretary to the Presbyterian Board, in which are included the statistics of all Protestant missions among the unevangelized nations of that time, there were 1,369 missionaries in eleven fields, the representatives of five denominations and a few independent societies; 180,653 communicants or church members and 181,792 pupils under religious instruction. In 1906, according to the American Board Almanac, the compiler of which has obtained statistics of the American societies directly from the secretaries of the several Boards, while those of the societies in Britain and Ireland and on the continent of Europe have been furnished by Dr. H. O. Dwight, of the Bureau of Missions—both reliable sources of information—there are, in 20,641 stations and out-stations, 11,157 missionaries, the representatives of 76 Protestant organizations; 1,325,885 communicants, of whom 103,732 were added last year, or more than half as many as the total for 1856 and 901,112 pupils under instruction in mission schools. These figures, which do not include returns from a few scattered societies in Asia, Africa and Australia, and so are "under rather than above" the truth, indicate amazing progress compared with what was undertaken and accomplished during the two preceding centuries or since the founding of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, in 1701.

During these fifty years the Reformed Presbyterian Church has sent out 14 ordained ministers, 11 physicians, one of whom was afterwards set apart to the ministry of the gospel, and three of them women, and 11 mission-

ary teachers to take charge of the school work—a total of 36 laborers. Of these, 9 have passed on to their rest and reward, 10 have resigned, owing to failing health or for other reasons that seemed imperative, and two have become identified by marriage with sister missions in Syria, leaving only 7 ministers, 5 physicians and 3 teachers in harness at the close of the half-century. The pioneer missionaries were unable to find a suitable location till the winter of 1859, when Latakia in northern Syria was chosen as the center of operations, and the first convert was baptized on the first Sabbath of December, 1861. Since that time there have been received into the fellowship of the Church about 550 persons. Deducting deaths, emigrations to America and other countries, transfers to other missions and defections, there remain in the four fields 401 Church members, 51 added during the year, and showing, after a decrease of 11 is deducted for the usual reasons, a net increase of 40 communicants. These returns will compare favorably with those of any other denominations and should lead the Covenanter Church to strive after greater things.

The Work in Syria.

The Report from the Mission in Syria is full of interesting details in regard to the work. During the year there was an accession of 23 to the membership of a widely scattered congregation that now numbers 260 communicants, a net increase of 19. There was public worship every Sabbath in Latakia, and some of the members who live at Bahamra and the Merj frequently attended the services, though some hours distant. The Lord's Supper was also administered twice in Latakia and Tartoos, and once in Suadia, Gunamia and Inkzik. Although there is only one licentiate in Syria, Mr. Juraidiny, who is permanently located at Tartoos, where he preaches every Sabbath and conducts a Sabbath-school of 95 pupils and takes charge of a school of 100 to 115 pupils during the week, 5 Bible readers, 3 men and 2 women, are employed in making known the Word of Life to as many as they can reach.

Religious instruction, as in former years, is the outstanding feature of all the schools, and in Latakia alone there were at least 350 children and young people under daily Christian teaching, some of the boarding pupils coming from villages where no missionary work can be done. In the medical department, too, the same prominence is given to religious instruction. At the close of his statement Dr. Balph writes: "The work has brought within the influence of the truth a goodly number who have had their first opportunity of hearing the gospel. Several patients who could read have manifested much interest in the Bible and other religious books, and a number of volumes have been given to those who wished them. The Bible has been introduced into a number of Moslem homes where it was not known before."

The death of Miss Cunningham so soon after the removal of Rev. C. A. Dodds to Mersina in October, 1905, has rendered it necessary to close both boarding schools in Suadia. But the Mission says that "an attempt will be made to keep a school for girls in a private house," while an experienced teacher will have charge of a day school for boys. A man and a woman will also be regularly employed as Bible readers. There should, however, be an ordained minister and a missionary teacher on the ground with as little delay as possible. Less than two months before her death Miss Cunningham wrote: "The people were never more earnest than now." She also spoke of some who "wished to withdraw from the Greek Church and be organized into a Protestant Society." In a personal letter to a friend, a minister who is well acquainted with that part of the Syrian field says: "It is a nascent time in Suadia." Speaking of the movement to which Miss Cunningham referred, he expresses the belief that, though "the movement is not along spiritual, but civil lines," it is really "a revolt against priestcraft," and "the result of our mission work in Syria." And he gives it as his opinion that, under wise guidance, the people "in that whole valley might be so dissected

ecclesiastically and civilly from the old corrupt body that they would develop into an evangelical community."

Every one must feel, at this critical hour in the history of this Mission, the need of a native ministry thoroughly trained for pastoral work in Syria, but this can scarcely be hoped for until the home churches are so fully imbued with the missionary spirit as willing to consecrate their sons and daughters to foreign service. When, in 1881, Dr. Joseph Beattie opened a theological class, from which students were licensed to preach the Gospel, there were three other ministers in Syria, and it was easy for him to devote time and energy to the training of young men for that purpose. But it is not easy for Rev. James Stewart, the only ordained minister in that wide field, the pulpit in Latakia claiming his services and the outlying stations demanding his oversight, to add to these labors the duties of a theological professor. At least two ministers should be sent to his assistance, if possible, before the end of this year, and then he will be in a position to assume the responsibilities of that office. And two young women should go along with them to strengthen the hands and encourage the hearts of the Misses Wylie and Edgar in their school work.

The Work in Asia Minor.

The annual statement from Tarsus Mission reports that the work in Adana "was never more encouraging." The Bible reader is spoken of as "prudent and zealous. . . always busy and always finding opportunities for aggressive evangelistic work," but the opposition of the priesthood has interfered to some extent with his success. In the Auba it has been necessary to suspend operations since the beginning of the year, owing to "the dissimulation of the workers occasioned by fear of the people among whom they reside." In Tarsus there has been, since November, 1905, a school of 47 pupils and two teachers, graduates of the boarding schools in Mersina. The "attendance on evangelistic services twice on Sabbath and twice during the week was large," and the outlook is full of promise.

As no statistics from this Mission have reached the Board it is not possible to say whether there has been any change in the roll of 74 communicants reported twelve months ago, or to give the exact number of native helpers, and of children and young people under Christian instruction, except that in addition to the 47 pupils in Tarsus there were in Mersina 100 boys and 93 girls in the day schools, and 44 boys and 34 girls in the boarding schools under the supervision of Miss Sterrett, which "are described as the nucleus of our work, and the most effective means of securing congregations to whom to preach," while "their benefits are felt throughout our field and doubtless beyond it." At this station there is public worship twice on Sabbath and a prayer meeting in the middle of the week, and preaching in houses whenever an opportunity offers.

Some years ago this Mission bought about two acres of land in Tarsus with money contributed to the late Dr. David Metheny, for the purchase of a home in Adana that was supposed to be on the market at the time. The property is increasing in value and admirably located for our work in that city, and Synod is requested to authorize the soliciting of the necessary funds for the erection of a suitable building on this site, as soon as a permit can be obtained from the Turkish Government.

The Work in Cyprus.

The Mission in Cyprus seems to be in a healthy and vigorous condition. The brethren who represent the Church there are obviously alive to their responsibility, and intensely in earnest in seeking to win men away from false religions that cannot help them to that union and communion with the true God, our Saviour, which are essential to their eternal well-being. Dr. Calvin McCarroll, who is stationed in Nicosia, the capital of the island, has held bi-weekly clinics since September, 1905, with an average attend-

ance of 45 patients, and on these occasions Rev. A. Aegyptiades addresses them on some Gospel theme, and talks with them individually while the Doctor is preparing for their treatment. In this way, and through the distribution of tracts to as many as can read, the seed is being sown which, under the quickening influences of the Holy Spirit, must sooner or later bear fruit.

Rev. W. McCarroll is able to speak of the Gospel preached every Sabbath in Larnaca and outstations, the Lord's Supper dispensed five times and nine added to the Church, a net increase of 3 members. To one of these converts the Mission is much indebted. A man of social influence and means, Mr. Peponiades, has bequeathed two-thirds of his property to the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Cyprus, and besides, has given a large lot for Mission purposes in a central part of Nicosia, and $1,000 to erect on that site a chapel that can be used both as a place of worship and a school house. The $1,200, so generously donated by Rev. D. J. Shaw, for a memorial building, will be expended, with his approval, in providing a home for the resident missionary.

The school in Larnaca is reported "in a more satisfactory condition than formerly, although there is still much to be desired." There were 57 pupils—22 Greeks, 18 Armenians, 14 Turks and 3 Jews. Mr. McCarroll is still of the opinion that a boarding department would greatly enhance the value of the school as an evangelistic agency. In a personal letter to the Secretary he writes: "The island is beginning to open up . . . Foreign capital is flowing in, colonies of Jews are arriving to settle here, and a period of material prosperity is promised. Our school is growing, and only needs to be placed on a more solid footing in order to grow much more rapidly. I am confident that the boarding department would in a short time be self sustaining . . . We would reach many Moslems and Jews who otherwise are unapproachable and inacessible. It is the time of opportunity, and we should strengthen the school work as the important agency under present conditions for reaching the people with the Gospel."

An event of more than usual importance was the assault made by a mob of 2,000 Greeks on the native brethren in Famagusta, Feb. 8, 1906, and evidently with the approval of the priesthood. The contents of a room that Mr. Kassilian had fixed up in his house as a place of meeting were completely destroyed, as well as other property in the town, and the converts have been forced to leave their homes and find employment elsewhere. Steps have been taken to bring this "ferocious attack upon a handful of Protesants," as the *Missionary Review of the World* describes it, to the attention of the British Government. The Alliance of Reformed Churches has been requested through its General Secretary, Rev. G. D. Mathews, D. D., and at his suggestion, to lay the whole matter before the Foreign Office in London. It should be stated, however, that recently a settlement had been effected by which the Greeks have agreed to pay $500 damages, and the ringleaders in the riot are under bonds of $50 each to keep the peace. And there now exists a feeling of good will toward the Mission for not sending them to prison, though they are still reluctant to have Mr. Kassilian restored to his former position in Famagusta as District Court Registrar.

A Conference at Cairo.

A notable Conference was held at Cairo, Egypt, in April of this year, to discuss the Moslem problem. Among the delegates present were Revs. James S. Stewart and C. A. Dodds, who attended as representatives of our Levant Missions under instructions from the Board. The proceedings were of special interest to men who are laboring among the Nusairia, henceforth to be counted among and dealt with as Moslems, and should stimulate to more earnest efforts to enlighten and deliver them from their present moral degradation. The papers were filled with information as to what had already been done to reach the millions of Moslems in Turkey,

India and many other countries, and with instructions as to the preparations needed for such work. And there was manifest a determination, voiced by such leaders as Zwemer, of Arabia, and Weitbrecht, of India, to press on in this missionary campaign till Islamism shall yield to Christianity. Mr. Stewart says: "I for one have gained knowledge, courage and resolution . . . I would not have missed the inspiration for anything."

The Conference met behind closed doors and nothing that was said or done has been given to the public. But it is intended to publish in two volumes the minutes and papers, with a survey of the field and statistics, for private or confidential use.

The Work in China.

The news from China continues to be of the most cheering character. The Mission at Tak Hing Chau is able to report 18 added to the Church during the year, a net increase of 17, bringing the communicant roll up to 40 members. And the converts are rapidly developing Christian character. The reality of their faith is seen in regular attendance upon public worship, liberality in their offerings, and zeal in seeking the salvation of others. Their contribution of $30 in gold as a "Memorial Thank-Offering" has been invested in a city lot, and they will give half of the money needed to erect on it a building suitable for a reading room and a place for preaching. Wherever the book-sellers go they are not only successful in selling books and tracts, but in more than one community have exerted an influence in favor of Christianity. The convert, a teacher who finished his course Dec. 1, 1905, gave his friends and neighbors a fine illustration of the sustaining power of the Christian religion under very trying circumstances, and even in the article of death.

In addition to preaching, prayer meetings and Sabbath-school on the Lord's Day, there is a week-day meeting for the instruction of women, and the senior missionary conducts a class every evening for Bible study and worship. He also opened a training school in March at which there are at present four pupils. "My hope," writes Mr. Robb, "is that these men will become useful workers, and that the school will be a blessing to this whole district. None of them have any means of support, and I am following the plan of the Presbyterians and furnishing them with food while in school on the understanding that they will give a year of service at nominal wages for each year they are helped. And they will give a great deal of help during the three years' course. It has been after considerable hesitation and delay that I have entered on this line of work. But I am satisfied it is the needful thing to do now, and if it is blessed of God to the training of a native ministry or efficient lay workers, it will be in the long run the most effective evangelization." On the death of Miss Torrence, just when arrangements had been completed for the opening of a school, Mrs. Wright took charge, and has successfully carried on the work, refusing any remuneration for her services, and can point to two of the pupils as applicants for baptism. The medical department, too, is bringing many into contact with the truth. The Mission refers to one "especially interesting case" that "resulted not only in restoration of vision to the patient, but in the conversion of his younger brother, who came to wait on him." Thus, in many ways, men are being brought under the power of the Gospel and turned unto the Lord.

It is the intention of this Mission to open a station at To Sin, on the West River, about fourteen miles from Tak Hing Chau. Thanks are due to the Head of the Church for putting into the heart of one of His servants to offer for this purpose $5,000, which, through the generous gifts of others, soon amounted to $10,050, and made this extension of the work possible.

A short paragraph from a private letter recently received from Rev. A. I. Robb will show the way in which missionaries look at the present unrest in China: "It would be unwise to say that there are no signs of danger, for there are chronic conditions in every heathen land—why not say in every

land—that make trouble possible; but, so far as we can see now, everything is peaceable. There are stupendous changes occurring, but with remarkable quietness. The trouble is that a local disturbance here makes people at home think the whole country is going into anarchy or anti-foreignism. While no one may safely predict the future, some of us are entertaining strong hopes that China will be reconstructed without a sanguinary revolution. And if danger comes. God has just effective and tender a care for His people as ever, and the promise of His presence holds good to-day."

Two Missionaries at Rest.

The death of two of our devoted missionaries during the year reminds us once more that the work depends for its results, not on men or women, however eminent for piety and talents, but on the living Lord. Miss Jennie B. Torrence, of China, who passed away Monday, June 26, 1905, had all her plans laid for opening a school for girls at Tak Hing Chau, and was looking forward to a season of successful activity. Miss Martha Cunningham, of Syria, who heard the home-call Friday, March 9, 1905, had recently returned from a brief furlough, and was impressed as never before with the spiritual destitution of Suadia. Well equipped for service, fully surrendered, and passionate in their longing for souls, the removal of these two noble women is full of mystery, and we can only wait for the revealing day, when every dark page of Mission history shall be illuminated, and all flesh shall see the glory of the Lord.

Financial Statement.

The report of Treasurer Miller indicates a forward movement in the contributions of the Church to its Foreign Missions. The receipts for the Mission to China from congregations, Sabbath-schools and Missionary Societies were $4,164.60, an excess over all necessary expenditures of $2,514.57, which, added to the balance reported a year ago, shows a total credit balance of $5,804.74. The receipts from the same sources for the Syrian Mission were $11,003.97, nearly $1,000 over those of last year, the congregational collection showing an advance of $1,115.23. And yet the Treasurer has to report a debit balance of $9,557.00, only $143 less than twelve months ago.

There are, however, $15,096.49 in the Temporary Investment Fund, to which this money is due, so that the debt reported from one year to another is only nominal. If Synod will approve the transfer of $10,000 from this fund to the credit of current account, the Church will enter upon a second half-century in its Missionary history with a good balance of $5,539.49 in its Treasury. The situation will then be clear to the people, many of whom do not see the Minutes of Synod, with their financial statements, and seem to be under an impression that the Syrian Mission is being run on borrowed capital. They will thus be encouraged to give with renewed liberality for the extension of the work, to their own growth in spirituality and in loyalty to the crown of the Redeemer. There will be no limit to the enthusiastic giving of men who realize that the aim of foreign missions is not merely the salvation of individual souls, but the regnancy of Christian principles in society.

Respectfully submitted,
In the name of the Board,
R. M. Sommerville,
Cor. Sec'y.

J. H. Magee was substituted for William Pearce on Committee on Union of Presbyteries.

Devotional exercises were engaged in, W. W. Carithers leading.

Synod adjourned with prayer by H. Easson.

Same place, Monday, June 4th, 9 A. M., Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll called. Buck, Copeland, W. P. Johnston, John Marshall, J. H. Magee, McIlwain, G. A. Edgar, Fulton, T. C. Sproull, Walkinshaw did not answer to their names, but most of these soon appeared.

Minutes read and approved.

John Turbitt, because of imperative business engagement, was excused from further attendance.

Report of Committee on Home Missions. Report received and taken up item by item for adoption.

The question of support of the Chinese Domestic Work in Oakland was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report as adopted is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Two papers have been presented; Report of the Jewish Mission Board and Report of Central Board of Missions.

These reports indicate an encouraging financial condition and an uncommonly good year's work and a generous expenditure of time and energy on the part of the members of the Boards.

1. *The Jewish Mission.* After meeting all the expenses of the year the Board reports a balance of $353.08. The work is now under the superintendency of Rev. G. M. Robb. He is ably assisted by Mr. E. J. Feuersohn, a Hebrew Christian, and his wife. Your committee would suggest that Mr. Fuersohn might act as interpreter for Rev. Robb and enable the missionary to get closer to the hearts of those who do not understand English with the Gospel of God's dear Son. Dr. A. Caldwell conducts a clinic in the Mission which gives him the power of a medical missionary among the Jews. We note eight different lines of work specified, indicating the breadth and scope of their work. The request for the prayers of the Church should not be overlooked.

2. *The Domestic Mission.* This work began May 1, 1905, with a debt of $2,773.12 and ended May 1, 1906, with the debt reduced to $918.85, which is cause of great satisfaction. The reduction of this debt was due to a special appeal made to the Church early in the year on behalf of this Mission and reveals the deep interest our people have in this department of the Church's work, and shows that the Covenanter Church has the ability and the will to rise to the occasion when the need is shown. Though the sum of $10,000 which is asked for this year is not as large as that asked for last year, yet the need is great enough to call for renewed effort.

3. *Southern Mission.* The working force in this Mission is supplied largely from the north, assisted by native helpers. The school year has been a prosperous one. The enrollment was 474; that is 98 more than last year. The four graduates were girls and all earnest Christians. The work done by the pupils in committing verses and chapters from the Bible should stimulate all our young people to do likewise. The income from tuition is worthy of notice; $1,137.56, nearly $100 more than ever before. Their evangelistic meetings and meetings for prayer which were held both in the fall and spring are noteworthy, as being the promising feature of the

Mission. The Industrial Department is being conducted upon a business basis, the total outlay for the carpenter department being $122.06, while the receipts were $98.11, leaving a very small deficit. The work at Pleasant Grove and Valley Creek and East Selma has been conducted with marked energy. May 1, 1905, they had a balance of $1,464.54, and May 1, 1906, their balance was $2,816.01, indicating economy, financial skill and prosperity.

4. *Indian Mission.* The past year has been a prosperous one. Several ministers and members of the Church have spent a considerable season assisting in this work. The religious instruction given deserves special mention. That 15,631 verses of Scriptures were committed by the children puts to shame our old congregations of white people. They have large Sabbath-schools and 80 Indians in a single one. A teacher's training class was kept up during the winter. In the Apache camp the work was kept up during the year. The total number of persons reached was 260; in the mountains near by a Sabbath-school, and preaching service was kept up. The collections for pastor's salary reached $190.70 and additional collections, amounting to $50, were used to purchase school supplies and Bibles. Dr. Ida Scott reports 2,782 cases treated and 13 cases in the hospital. A cordial relation exists between the missionaries and the Indians. The broom factory, in its present initial state, promises to be a great factor in the Industrial Department. The expenditures of the Mission were $4.236.03. Their receipts, $6.507.40. The balance, including last year's balance, is $3,096.88. They ask $1,000 less than last year. The $4,000 asked for must not fall short. A number of congregations have sent boxes and barrels of clothing, which serve an admirable purpose.

5. *Chinese Mission.* Our missionary, Rev. Isaiah Faris, has resigned and the Central Board has accepted the resignation. The receipts were $1,410.28; the expenditures $1,282.00. The balance on hand is $709.07. Your committee regards this Mission as being in a strategic position in the land and one of vast importance in the future relations of this land to the Orient.

We recommend:

1. That all the requests for funds be granted and that the treasurers of the congregations be directed to send their contributions to the Jewish Mission direct to the treasurer of the Mission.

2. That the Oakland mission be placed under the care of the Colorado Presbytery, to be conducted as a Chinese Mission and a Domestic Mission.

3. That Rev. Dr. J. W. Sproull, the chairman of the Board, be heard on behalf of the Central Board, and that Rev. Dr. J. C. McFeeters be heard on behalf of the Jewish Mission Board, and that Revs. Robb, Reed and Carithers be heard on behalf of the Jewish, Southern and Indian Missions, and Rev. Isaiah Faris be heard on behalf of the Chinese Mission in Oakland, California.

J. M. Foster.
G. W. Benn,
D. C. Mathews,
R. M. Downie,
R. A. Adams.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

During the past year our meetings have been regularly held and well attended. We are glad to be able to add that the work in the different departments has been carried on without interruption and with encouraging success. There has been no serious sickness in any of the missions.

Domestic Mission.

At the beginning of the year we had a debt of $2,773.12. The appropriations made by Synod amounted to $12,045.00, or $2,140.00 more than those of the year preceding. These were paid in full, though in order to do this we had to borrow from other funds, the interest on which amounted to $224.96. Early in the year the Board made an earnest appeal to the Church, containing a plain statement of the facts and showing the necessity for largely increased contributions. So liberal was the response to this appeal that the debt was not increased. During the year several bequests were paid over to this fund, reducing the debt to $918.85. It ought to be remembered that the last dividend for the year will be declared at our July meeting.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance overdrawn		$2,773 12
1906.			
April 30.	Expenditures		10,296 94
			$13,070 06
April 30.	Dividends	$3,093 32	
	Bequests	998 11	
	Receipts	8,059 78	
			$12,151 21
May 1.	Balance overdrawn		$918 85

We ask for this mission, $10,000.00.

Southern Mission.

Miss Margaret McCartney and Miss Anabel Stewart, formerly connected with the Mission, assisted in the work this year. Miss Stewart, because of a death at her home, was obliged to leave before the close of the school term. Her place was temporarily filled by Mrs. Kingston. On account of the large attendance, Miss Augusta Buck, who united with the congregation at the Spring communion, was employed to assist in grade No. 1.

The school in Selma opened on Oct. 2d, 1905, and closed on May 22d, 1906. The total enrollment this year was 474 or 98 more than last, with an average attendance of 341 or 93 more than last year. At the beginning of the term, the tuition was lowered in the first and second grades from 40 to 25 cents a month and in the fourth grade from 60 to 50 cents, making it nearly the same as in the private schools of the city, which partly accounts for the large atendance.

Four scholars, girls, graduated this spring; all, Mr. Reed states, are earnest Christians. One is a member of our church. "There was but little change in the character of the Bible work in the school. Portions of the Scriptures and the catechisms were memorized by the scholars. Those in grades Nos. 1 and 2 committed the Children's Catechism; in No. 2 both questions and answers; in No. 3 Brown's Short Catechism with questions and answers; in No. 4 a little over half of the Westminster Shorter and reviewed; in No. 5 last half of the Westminster Shorter and reviewed; in No. 6 the whole book and reviewed. A large number of portions of Scripture was committed during the year. The Bible work is one of the main reasons given by the pupils for attending school and is even more commonly given by parents as the reason for sending their children here."

The attendance at the congregational Sabbath-school was unusually large, averaging 136. In the afternoon school, intended for those who do

not attend the morning, there was an average attendance of 127. Pupils who do not attend any of our Sabbath-schools are detained Monday evening and the lesson is gone over for their benefit. The total receipts for tuition from the Selma school were $1,137.56, nearly $100.00 more than last year.

In the fall special evangelistic services were held under the direction of the superintendent for the benefit of the scholars, and in the spring by Mr. Kingston. "A helpful interest was taken in these exercises and some were led to confess Christ."

A teachers' meeting for prayer and the study of the Sabbath-school lesson was held on Saturday evening and was well attended. "The teachers' institute meetings held once a month among ourselves, at which we considered school topics, were interesting and helpful.

"Mrs. Reed gave two forenoons a week to a vocal drill in the school grades. These lessons were drilled through the week by the teachers in charge. There has been a great demand for instrumental lessons. By employing two of her advanced pupils as tutors Mrs. Reed was able to take about 35 scholars, giving to this work all of her afternoons."

Industrial Department.

Professor Bottoms had charge of all the boys in school during their industrial periods. There was considerable of an increase in the amount of work done in the shop. There were as many orders as could be filled. The total outlay was $122.06. Receipts $98.11. In addition work for the school, valued at $3.00, was done. The net cost of the department was $23.95.

The average number of girls taking sewing was 186. They manifested great interest in their work. "The department," Mr. Reed believes, "is doing a most valuable service in behalf of self-help and therefore of independence." The total cost during the year was $40.11; $40.90 were realized from the sale of garments.

In the cooking department there was an average attendance of 98. Each class had one period a week of a little more than an hour. Good progress was made by the pupils. The net cost of this department was $44.12.

The industrial work is very popular. "The teachers in charge," Mr. Reed adds, "deserve great credit."

Pleasant Grove.—Mrs. Kynette was transferred to this station from Valley Creek. The school opened Nov. 1st, 1905, and closed April 27th, 1906. The enrollment was 125; average attendance 48. There was such an enlargement of the work that one teacher and the school building were inadequate. $27.37 were realized from tuition. Mr. Kynette did a great deal of hard work and made many improvements. Mr. Reed regards this as one of the most important branches of the work. He preached there the third Sabbath of each month. The Sabbath-school had an enrollment of 80, with an aveage attendance of 65.

Valley Creek.—Mr. Pickens was transferred from Pleasant Grove to this station. The enrollment in the day school was 50 and average attendance 28. About 50 attended the Sabbath-school. The length of the term was the same as at Pleasant Grove. $11.05 were realized from tuition. Mr. Reed preaches there the first Sabbath of each month to audiences of about 50.

A Sabbath-school and a day school were conducted in East Selma under the direction of the Mission force, with encouraging results. The expenses were defrayed by voluntary contributions.

In closing his report Mr. Reed states that "this has been one of the best years we have had. There were 704 pupils enrolled. An average of over 450 boys and girls had daily an hour's drill in the Bible, besides other useful knowledge acquired."

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,464 54
1906.			
April 30.	Dividends	$794 62	
	Bequests	2,298 96	
	Receipts	3,963 77	
			7,057 35
			$8,521 89
	Expenditures		5,705 88
	Balance		$2,816 01

We ask for this Mission, $5,000.00.

Indian Mission.

The only addition to the Mission force this year was Miss Orlena M. Russell, of Bovina, N. Y., and Miss Mary Peoples, of Princeton, Ind. The former took charge of the kitchen and dining room for the white workers and the latter carried on the same work for the children. Miss Emma McFarland was employed as teacher this year in the white school near the Mission. Music was taught each day by Miss Anna Coleman.

Elder James S. Arthur, of Pittsburgh congregation, assisted in the general work of the Mission from February until the close of the year. Licentiate D. Raymond Taggart will assist at the Mission durng the Seminary vacation.

The school began Sept. 4th and with twelve days vacation at the holidays, was continued throughout the year. There was an average attendance of fifty. The rooms that were added to the church building were used for the day school through the week.

Special attention is paid in the Mission to religious instruction. Twelve and a half hours were given each week in the school in the more advanced room to the study of the Bible, or to religious work; 15,631 verses of Scripture were committed by the scholars. All mastered the Shorter Catechism. Eight and a half hours were given in the other room to Bible work or to religious study. 3,019 verses of Scripture were committed. These scholars read or heard read connectedly Joshua, part of Judges, Matthew and Acts.

The Lord's Supper was dispensed twice during the year, Revs. James McCune and W. J. McKnight assisting. There was an accession of 13 and one was restored. There were 1 death and 2 suspensions, making a net increase of 11. The attendance at the church services was good, the audience in the afternoon numbering about 160.

There are three Sabbath-schools. The one at the Mission for whites has an attendance of 40; the one for the Indians about 80. The Mission school in the mountains west of the Mission has an enrollment of about 55. During the winter a class was organized among the more advanced Indian men, to engage in the study of the Bible. It met weekly. A teachers' training class among the white workers was kept up through the writer. There was also held a weekly meeting for the study of the Sabbath-school lesson.

At the Apache camp work was kept up through the year except when the Apaches were away from their usual camping ground. The children were gathered together as often as possible and taught the lesson.

"The total number of persons reached with the Gospel on Sabbath was about 260."

At the Mission in the mountains and at the preaching services at the Mission collections were taken up. Needed Sabbath-school supplies and

Bibles were purchased out of the fund. $155.00 were devoted to the schemes of the Church. $190.70 were contributed to the pastor's salary. A woman's missionary society was organized. It met weekly. Part of the time is spent in industrial work. All realized is devoted to Missions. $10.00 have been sent to Dr. Kate McBurney.

The building of the new broom factory has been finished and is an addition to the barn. The machinery and tools will cost less than $100.00.

Financially the year has been a good one. The crops did well under the efficient management of Mr. Moore.

Mr. Carithers makes honorable mention of congregations, societies and individuals that have aided the mission by sending goods, thus saving an outlay of money.

Dr. Ida Scott, who has charge of the hospital, reports 2,782 cases, not including 13 who received treatment in the hospital. Of the above 274 were outside the Mission workers and school children. There were three deaths. The total receipts were $139.05; expenditures $39.05; on hand, $100.00.

Donations were received from Billings Congregation, the government supply at Anadarko, Dr. Hoon of Mercer, Rev. W. J. McKnight, the Mercer Congregation and various missionary societies and congregations. The hospital supplies a much needed want.

In addition to those already mentioned, the Mission was cheered by the presence of Rev. Dr. McFarland, Rev. S. G. Conner and Elder Torrence.

"At the close of another year," Mr. Carithers adds, "we record our thankfulness to God, for the care He has thrown around the work here, not only in the health He has given but in the hearty way in which the work has been carried along. The most cordial relations exist between the white workers and the whites and Indians around us. It is the testimony of all that the work of the year has been an advantage in the spiritual growth of the workers at the Mission."

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$825.51
1906.			
Apr. 30.	Dividends	$67.50	
	Bequests	1,237.97	
	Receipts	5,201.93	6,507.40
			$7,332.91
	Expenditures		4,236.03
May 1.	Balance		$3,096.88

The Board has always endeavored to ask only for such an amount as is needed to carry on its work. On account of the increased receipts for this fund and as the result, the large balance on hand, we ask for $4,000.00 or $1,000 less than we asked for a year ago.

Chinese Home Mission.

During the year the enrollment of scholars was 30, the same as last year. Thirteen of these are members of the church, 4 less than reported a year ago. The average attendance at the night school was a fraction over 4, at the prayer meeting a fraction over 8, and on Sabbath a fraction over 9.

The resignation of Mr. Faris was sent to the Board to take place at the close of the present Synodical year.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$580.79
1906.			
April 30.	Dividends	$569.08	
	Receipts	841.20	1,410.28
			$1,991.07
	Expenditures		1,282.00
May 1.	Balance		$709.07

The chairman was appointed to represent the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SPROULL, *Chairman.*
A. C. COULTER, *Secretary.*
W. J. COLEMAN, *Cor. Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE JEWISH MISSION BOARD.

The Mission of the Covenant to Israel has enjoyed much divine favor during the past year, for which we give thanks to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. No stirring events have occurred in this Mission during the year gone by; yet the quietness, the prayerfulness, the earnestness, the spiritual fervor, and the steady service remind us of the sun-shine, the showers, the soft winds, and the silent growth, which crown the summer with a golden harvest. If we continue in well-doing there will assuredly be a harvest, and a great one in this field which the Lord has blest.

The Lord's goodness has been seen and felt in the sending of his servant, Rev. G. M. Robb, to take charge of the work, and in the wisdom and diligence which Mr. Robb has manifested in directing the Mission, and bringing the service up to a high degree of efficiency. He has been ably assisted by Mr. E. J. Feuersohn, a Hebrew Christian of good education, earnest and devout, a man of faith and prayer, consecrated to the Lord's service, striving diligently to bring his people to Jesus Christ. He is a member of the Covenanter Church. Mrs. Feuersohn also performs a good service in the Mission. Dr. A. Caldwell continues his important part of the work, in the dispensary, with excellent results. Other helpers have also been employed by Mr. Robb, as the Mission required.

The work of our Lord in this Mission assumes different forms which we might specify as follows:

1. The preaching of the Word in the Jewish language, by Mr. Feuersohn, on Sabbath evening, Mr. Robb assisting when the people in attendance can understand the English tongue.

2. The Sabbath-school on Sabbath afternoon. The school, however, is not generally well attended, because our Sabbath is a Jewish holiday, and the children are not disposed to enter upon serious duties on that day.

3. Receiving religious inquirers. This personal contact and conversation about Jesus in the spirit of prayer and faith is considered very important and effective.

4. The religious instruction given to the girls who attend the sewing class. The girls, about forty in number, receive at each session a lesson on the way of life through Jesus Christ.

5. The Gospel lessons given at the night school, which are directed to the hearts of about thirty young men and young women.

6. The religious suggestions and advice communicated to the sick who come to the dispensary for the relief of physical ailments.

7. The Word of God speaking from the printed page, as twenty or twenty-five Bibles lie open in the window, and are read by many who pass along the street.

8. The distribution of religious tracts carefully selected to awaken Jewish thought concerning the Messiah. Thousands of these have been handed to the people. The Ghetto (Jewish quarter) has been systematically canvassed for this purpose.

We earnestly ask for the prayers of the entire Church, that the Holy Spirit may come down like showers, and water the good seed which has been so plentifully sown, and make it grow into a great harvest of redeemed souls, to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Board makes request of Synod for $3,500.00 for the coming year, believing that this amount will be needed to carry forward the work effectively during that time.

Also that the Church be directed to forward financial contributions direct to the treasurer of the Jewish Mission Board, Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, 617 North Forty-third Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. McFeeters, *President.*
T. P. Stevenson, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Mission Conference, consisting of the members of the Central Board of Missions, and a representative from each Presbytery, met according to appointment of Synod in the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Belle Center, Ohio, May 29th, 1906. Three sessions were held. The needs of our congregations applying for assistance were carefully considered. Thirty-eight (38) congregations were recommended to Synod to the amount of $11,815 or $230 less than last year. They are itemized as follows:

VERNON PRESBYTERY.

Ryegate, for supplies	$ 60 00
East Craftsberry, for Presbyterial visitation and supplies	$150 00
	$210 00

N. S. & N. B. PRESBYTERY.

Barnesville	$165 00
St. John	300 00
Cornwallis	400 00
	$865 00

IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Chicago	$600 00
Vernon, for three months' supplies	75 00
Vernon, in case of settlement	225 00
Hickory Grove	150 00
$825.00 or	$975 00

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Topeka	$400 00
Billings	150 00
Homewood	300 00
Quinter, five dollars per Sabbath or full time	260 00
Superior	400 00
Tabor	300 00
Wahoo	300 00
	$2,110 00

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Church Hill, five dollars per Sabbath, or in case of settlement	$350 00
Staunton, five dollars per Sabbath, or in case of settlement	300 00
St. Louis	350 00
Bethel, in case of settlement	200 00
Selma	400 00
	$1,700 00

NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

Cambridge	$300 00
Brooklyn	150 00
	$450 00

OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Muskingum and Tomica, for supplies	$100 00

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Denver	$500 00
La Junta	250 00
Los Angeles	750 00
Santa Ana	400 00
Canon City	350 00
	$2,250 00

LAKES PRESBYTERY.

Belle Centre	$300 00
Belle Fountain	500 00
Cedarville	200 00
Fair Grove, equal to what the congregation raises up to	200 00
Hetherton, equal to what the congregation raises up to	400 00
	$1,600 00

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

McKeesport	$500 00
Adamsville	
Middletown	300 00
Clarksburg, equal to what the congregation raises up to	75 00
Youngstown, for supplies, five dollars a day up to	125 00
Youngstown, in case of settlement	500 00
Bear Run and Mahoning	100 00
$1,090 or	$1,475 00

It was resolved by the Conference that in connection with the requests of Presbyteries that all applications be made by filling in the blanks prepared by Synod and signed by the congregation. It was also resolved:

1. That a uniform classification be adopted.
2. And that a sliding scale of support be adopted.

J. W. SPROULL, *Chairman.*
R. C. REED, *Clerk.*

Devotional exercises were engaged in, G. A. Edgar leading. Recess was taken until 2 P. M. Prayer by H. H. George.

Same place, 2 P. M., Synod met and was led in prayer by W. G. Robb.

Roll-call was omitted. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Nominations reported. Report received, adopted and is as follows:

Committee on Systematic Beneficence.—C. D. Trumbull, R. J. George, M. M. Pearce, L. M. Samson, H. O'Neill.

Committee to Classify Congregations Receiving Aid From Synod.—E. A. Crooks, A. J. McFarland, Jr., R. J. Wylie.

Permanent Committee on Temperance.—W. W. Carithers, A. J. McFarland, Jr., W. W. Wilson, T. G. Graham, A. M. Mitchell.

Committee to Write to T. M. Slater.—S. G. Conner, R. C. Wylie, James Taggart.

Committee to Write to W. M. George.—C. M. Smith, A. A. Samson, J. W. Pritchard.

C. M. Smith, *Chairman.*

Motion to amend Rule 30, in our Rules of Order, by inserting, after first sentence, the following: "Motions to postpone and lay on the table, since they cut off debate, require a two-thirds vote to prevail." Laid over until next Synod.

Committee on Union of Presbyteries reported. Report received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1 was laid on the table for the present.

Items 2 and 3 were adopted. Report laid on the table for the present.

Report of Committee on Finance. Report received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Report as adopted is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Belle Center, Ohio, June 4th, 1906.

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that the following papers have been placed in our hands:

1. Bill for printing two hundred and fifty copies of the report on the Order of Business.

2. The report of J. S. Tibby, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, of the Central Board of Missions, of the Theological Seminary, Geneva College, Testimony Bearing Fund, the Literary Fund, Aged Ministers' Fund and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers' Fund.

3 The request of Women's Board and request for Alliance of Reformed Churches.

4. Report of Mission Conference.

5. Report of Walter T. Miller, Treasurer of Syrian Mission and Mission in China, and of the Church Erection Fund.

6. Request of Committee on Jewish Mission Board.

7. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

8. Report of R. C. Wylie, Synod's Financial Agent, for National Reform.

The reports of the various treasurers of our fund had been audited before they were submitted to the Synod.

We recommend:

1. That the Treasurer of the Literary Fund be instructed to pay $40.00 to the Treasurer of the Western Section of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, and $1.50 for the printing of the Order of Business, and for expense of stenographer for the Committee on Finance, $1.00.

2. In reference to the adjustment of the interest debt of the Geneva Company, Limited (Dormitory matter):

In going over the Treasurer's Report, we find the amount of interest in question credited to Contingent Fund, which we assume to be the Profit and Loss account. We therefore recommend that the Treasurer be instructed to credit Geneva College current account with the amount; namely, four thousand, eleven and sixty-seven one-hundredths (4,011.67) dollars and charge the same to Profit and Loss.

3. In reference to rules of the Board concerning loans to members of the Board of Trustees, as referred to in the report of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, we recommend that Synod instruct the Board of Trustees that in future no loans whatever be made to those who are members of the Board.

4. That in obedience to the direction of Synod, we have made an abstract of the Report of the Secretary of Synod's Board of Trustees, for publication in the Appendix to the Minutes.

5. In regard to the request of the Board relating to the bequest of Mrs. Maggie A. McCrea McCaughan of five hundred and seventy-seven and eight one-hundredths (577.08) dollars for Domestic Mission and Southern Mission each, we recommend that the amounts be credited to current account of these missions.

6. In regard to the request of the Board relating to the bequest of Jemima Hagen to Foreign and Home Missions of one hundred eighty and fifty-seven one-hundredths (180.57) dollars each, we recommend the amounts be credited to the current account of these missions.

7. In response to the request of the Foreign Mission Board, we recommend the transference of all Temporary Investment Fund to current account of Syrian Mission.

8. That the appropriations made by the Mission Conference to the congregations under the Domestic Mission Fund be approved by Synod, except that the appropriation to St. Louis be four hundred fifty (450) dollars, being one hundred (100) dollars less than last year, and that the recommendation for Staunton of five (5) dollars per day for supplies be granted.

9. We recommend that after Jan. 1st, 1907, no salary be paid by Synod to the Secretary of Synod's Board of Trustees.

10. The term of William Blair, Robert J. Ward and John A. Dodds as members of Synod's Board of Trustees expires June 15th, 1906. We recommend that the Clerk of Synod be authorized and directed to cast the ballot of Synod for Robert J. Ward as his own successor, and Dr. D. C. Martin to succeed William Blair, and George A. McKee to succeed John A. Dodds; said members, when elected, to serve for three years ending June 15th, 1909.

11. We recommend that Rev. J. A. Black and S. O. Carson be elected their own successors to Synod's Board of Control.

12. We recommend that the synopses and the summaries of Treasurer Walter T. Miller be published, and the reports of the other treasurers be published in full, and that the abstract of the report of Synod's Board of Trustees and the financial report of the Women's Association be published in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Synod.

13. We recommend that the Clerk of Synod be directed, in making up the Minutes for publication, to return for condensation any standing

committee's report found to exceed the prescribed length of one thousand two hundred words.

14. We recommend that Synod acquiesce in the suggestion of the Board that no distribution be made of the Greensburg Property Fund until next year; and in reference to the Manchester Church Building Proceeds, amounting to forty-three (43) dollars, we recommend the same disposition.

15. Referring to the question between the Board of Control and the Treasurer respecting the limit of the amount to be given to students, in the judgment of your Committee, the rule limiting the appropriations to theological students from the Students' Aid Fund to one hundred and seventy-five (75) dollars each, was superseded by the action of Synod in creating the Board of Control and by the instructions given to that board. We recommend, however, that such appropriations in future shall not exceed two hundred (200) dollars each. We recommend further that after students have been licensed to preach, the appropriations shall not exceed sixty per cent. of above amount.

16. In reference to the Jane Allsworth bequest, we approve of the action of the Board in the disposition of this fund.

17. We recommend that the Clerk of Synod be directed to publish one thousand copies of the Minutes of this year, drawing on the Library Fund for the expense, the custody of the sale of the Minutes being left to the Treasurer of this fund.

18. That $1,000.00 be appropriated for China Domestic Work in Oakland, and that the dividends from the share of the David Gregg bequest be included in the appropriation. The money to be paid to the Colorado Presbytery if called for.

19. That the request of the Committee on the Revision of the Psalms be granted, and that the Treasurer of the Library Fund be instructed to pay $15.00 or $25.00 as the case may be, to the Treasurer of the Joint Committee, on the order of Synod's Committee.

20. We recommend the following appropriations with the dates for the congregational collections:

Literary Fund, June, second Sabbath	$1,000.00
Library Fund, Geneva College, June, fourth Sabbath	250.00
Aged People's Home, July, first Sabbath	1,000.00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund, July, third Sabbath	2,500.00
Aged Ministers' Fund, August, first Sabbath	1,500.00
Students' Aid Fund, August, third Sabbath	1,500.00
Indian Mission Fund, September, first Sabbath	3,000.00
Domestic Mission Fund, October, first Sabbath	10,000.00
Jewish Mission Fund, October, third Sabbath	3,300:00
Southern Mission, November, first Sabbath	4,000.00
Syrian Mission Fund, December, first Sabbath	15,000.00
National Reform, January, first Sabbath	7,000.00
Theological Seminary, January, third Sabbath	2,000.00
Mission in China, February, first Sabbath	6,000.00
Testimony Bearing, February, third Sabbath	4,000.00
Sustentation Fund, March, first Sabbath	6,000.00
Geneva College Fund, March, third Sabbath	2,500.00
Church Erection Fund, April, first Sabbath	5,000.00
Chinese Home Mission, November, third Sabbath	1,000.00

W. C. Allen,
T. P. Stevenson,
R. H. Martin,
Henry O'Neill,
Thomas H. Boyd.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT BY JAMES S. TIBBY, TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD, BEGINNING MAY 1, 1905, AND ENDING MAY 1, 1906.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, to meet in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Belle Center, Ohio, May 30, 1906.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Herewith find my first annual report as Treasurer of the "Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America" beginning May 1st, 1905, and ending May 1st, 1906, which has been audited by a committee of said Board whose certificate is attached.

The Board has declared a dividend of 4½ per cent. on Endowments of $324,174.31 amounting to $14,587.84 and credited same to Interest Account. An increase of $973.95 over last year.

The net revenue from the David Gregg Endowment Fund for the year was $8,468.84 and has been credited as instructed by donor. An increase of $421.79 over previous year.

Property amounting to $22,535.00 secured by foreclosure proceedings was sold during the year. This was done in order to place the money out on mortgages which would produce greater revenue than from rentals. All our mortgages with one exception are now bearing 6 per cent. interest.

Some correspondence has passed between the Board of Control and your treasurer whether the action of Synod, Minutes of 1898, Page 112, Rule C, respecting amount to be given students from Students' Aid Fund is still in force, Synod is asked to render a decision on this matter. $1,610.00 on notes is due the Church by parties who received aid during their seminary studies and subsequently left our denomination. Messrs. F. F. Kennedy. Jas. Patton and R. M. Blackwood were the only parties who made payment during the year.

I will deem it a favor if parties will notify me of bequests to the Church coming to their knowledge, as I have discovered cases of which we had received no notice, which should have been paid several years ago.

The interest of the Church in the Greensburg, Pa., church property was sold April 25, 1906, for $2,000 less expense of $308. The Manchester, Pa., church building was sold Oct. 17, 1905, and net us $43.

Both amounts are at the disposal of the Synod.

The bequests received since last report are as follows:

Mrs. Rebecca Brown, Philadelphia, Pa. Donation No. 2, $1,840, less notary's fee, 50 cents, which has been distributed according to the wishes of the donor, as follows: Geneva College Endowment, Students' Fund Endowment, Mission in China, Current Acct. 10 per cent. each; Aged Ministers' Endowment, Widows' and Children's Endowment, Southern Mission Current Account, Indian Mission Current Account, 7½ per cent. each; Foreign Mission Current Account, 20 per cent.; Domestic Mission Current Account, 15 per cent.; Home for Aged, 5 per cent.

Mrs. Jane Allsworth Bequest, Parnassus, Pa., $1,100, less $55.94 expenses, received from sale of Jeanette, Pa., property for "Home and Foreign Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, the Board to divide as they think best." The Board distributed to Domestic Mission Current Account, $522.03; to Foreign Mission Current Account, $522.03.

James Carlisle Bequest, Philadelphia, Pa. For China Mission Current expenses, $58.04.

Matthew M. Henry Bequest, Brooklyn, N. Y. $2,000, less notary's fee, $1.00. Income to be used for Brooklyn, N. Y., Congregation.

Rev. P. H. Wylie Bequest, New Concord, Ohio. For Current Funds, viz.: Home Mission, $50; Freedmen's Mission, $50; National Reform, $50; Foreign Mission, $50. Total, $200.

Miss Mary Glasgow, Pine Creek, Pa., Congregation, $500, less collateral tax, $25, for Syrian Mission Endowment, $237.50; Foreign China Mission Endowment, $237.50.

Mrs. Maggie A. McCrea McCaughan Bequest, Olathe, Kans., Congregation. Domestic and Southern Mission, $577.08 each. Synod to decide whether for Current or Endowment Funds.

Jemima Hagan Bequest, Cincinnati, O. Foreign and Home Mission, $180.57 each, Synod to decide whether for Current or Endowment Funds. Total bequests during the year, $13,221.55, against $16.914.90 last year. Total receipts during the year, for twelve schemes of which I am treasurer, $23,225.67 against $17,250.85 last year.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. S. TIBBY, *Treasurer.*

May 1st, 1906.

GENEVA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$137,296 28
	Increase during year, viz.: Cash from notes, etc	$4,424 00	
	Mrs. Rebecca Brown, Donation No. 2	183 95	
			4,607 95
			141,904 23
	Less expenses of Dr. Johnson in collecting		34 60
1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$141,869 63

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ENDOWMENT.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$61,206 19
	Increase during year, viz.: John Hunter, bequest	$2,849 50	
	Rev. Jas. Patton, Sparta, Ill., paid three student notes	165 00	
			3,014 50
1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$64,220 69

STUDENTS' FUND ENDOWMENT.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$15,927 93
	Rev. F. F. Kennedy, paid student note	$100 00	
	Rev. R. M. Blackwood, on account student note	25 00	
	Mrs. Rebecca Brown, Donation No. 2	183 95	
			308 95
1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$16,236 88

FOREIGN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$43,536 17
	John Hunter Bequest	$2,849 50	
	John A. McKee Endowment Bequest	10 26	
	James Carlisle Bequest	2,000 00	
	Miss Margaret Glasgow Bequest	237 50	5,097 26
1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$48,633 43

DOMESTIC MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$31,101 04
	John A. McKee Endowment Bequest	$10 26	
	James Carlisle Bequest	500 00	510 26
1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$31,611 30

SOUTHERN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$4,556 28
	James Carlisle Bequest		500 00
1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$5,056 28

AGED MINISTERS' ENDOWMENT.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$12,740 56
	Mrs. Rebecca Brown, Donation No. 2		137 96
1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$12,878 52

INDIAN MISSION ENDOWMENT.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,500 00
	James Carlisle Bequest		500 00
1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$2,000 00

JAMES AND MARY JANE CARLISLE MEMORIAL FUND.

For Aged Ministers' Endowment.

1905.		
July 26.	James Carlisle Bequest	$500 00
1906.		
May 1.	Balance	$500 00

MISSION IN CHINA ENDOWMENT.

1906.		
Apr. 23.	Miss Margaret Glasgow Bequest	$237 50
May 1.	Balance	$237 50

FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS ENDOWMENT.

1905.		
May 1	Balance	$5,691 06
	Mrs. Rebecca Brown, Donation No. 2	137 96
1906.		
May 1.	Balance	$5,829 02

MRS. MARY ANN HENRY BEQUEST ENDOWMENT.

1905.		
May 1.	Balance	$2,868 80
1906.		
Apr. 30.	Account transferred to Brooklyn Congregation Endowment	$2,868 80

BROOKLYN CONGREGATION ENDOWMENT.

1906.		
Apr. 23.	Matthew M. Henry Bequest	$1,999 00
Apr. 30.	Mrs. Mary Ann Henry Bequest, Endowment (account transferred)	2,868 80
1906.		
May 1	Balance	$4,867 80

The following Endowments remain unchanged:

1906.		
May 1.	Chinese Home Mission Endowment	$100 00
	Church Extension Endowment	3,400 00
	Jas. R. McKee. Memorial Endowment (Widows and Children)	2,000 00
	Jas. R. McKee, Memorial Endowment (Foreign Mission)	1,000 00
	Iowa Presbytery Endowment	700 00
	Wilkinsburg Congregation Endowment	500 00
	Bible Society Endowment	50 00
	Mrs. Agnes McInroy Endowment (special rate of interest)	3,000 00
	David Gregg Bequest Endowment (not governed by dividend)	157,015 73
1905.		
May 1.	Total endowments on which dividend of 4½ per cent. has been declared	324,174 31
1906.		
May 1.	Total endowments on which dividend will be declared next year	341,691 05

DAVID GREGG ENDOWMENT BEQUEST MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

1905.		
May 1.	Balance invested in mortgages	$156,750 00
	Invested in mortgages during year	14,700 00
		171,450 00
	Mortgages paid off during year	15,250 00
1906.		
May 1.	Balance invested	$156,200 00

DAVID GREGG ENDOWNMENT BEQUEST INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1906.			
April 25.	Interest received during year.....		$8,914 57
	Interest Acct. charge of 5 per cent. for managing funds..$ 445 73		
	Foreign Mission, 5 shares... 2,822 95		
	Domestic Mission, 3 shares. 1,693 77		
	Sustentation Fund, 1 share.. 564 59		
	Church Erection, 1 share.... 564 59		
	Theological Seminary, 1 share 564 59		
	Southern Mission, 1 share.. 564 59		
	Chinese Mission, 1 share.... 564 59		
	Ministerial Widows' and Orphans' Fund, 1 share..... 564 59		
	Central R. P. Church, Allegheny, 1 share..... 564 59		
			$8,914 57

REGULAR MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance invested in mortgages.....		$265,044 63
	Invested in mortgages during year.....		55,960 00
			$321,004 63
	Mortgages paid off and foreclosed.....		28,112 37
1906.			
May 1.	Balance invested in mortgages.....		$292,892 26

REAL ESTATE.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance invested in real estate.....		$79,875 33
	Mortgage foreclosed.....		9,640 51
	Interest Acct., revenue for year.....		1,231 71
	Contingent Acct., net profit on property sold		661 41
	Jane Allsworth Bequest (Paid from proceeds of Jeanette property).....		1,100 00
			.$92,508 96
	Property sold during year...$15,000 00		
	Less cost of selling..... 188 00	$14,812 00	
	Rents received.....$ 5,040 91		
	Less taxes, repairs, etc..... 2.935 77	2,105 80	
	Contingent Acct. net loss on property sold.....	2,909 81	19,827 61
1906.			
May 1.	Balance invested in real estate.....		$72,681 35

GREENSBURG CHURCH PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance (expense)	$200 00	
	Paid notary's fees.....	2 00	
1906.			$202 00
April 25.	Cash received for sale of Church interest in property.....		$2,000 00
May 1.	Balance to credit on account.....		1,798 00

MANCHESTER CHURCH BUILDING.

1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$43 00
April 30.	Received from sale of church building and stove		43 00

IOWA PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

1906.			
Jan. 17.	Due for postage and telegram		$0 78

ESTATE OF JOSEPH McNAUGHER, DECEASED.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$170 87
Aug. 7.	Received payment		170 87

WALTER T. MILLER, TREASURER ACCOUNT.

1906.			
April 30.	Miss Jane Kelly Bequest for Foreign Mission		$300 00
	Mrs. Esther Gilmore Bequest for Syrian Mission		95 38
	Bessie Anderson Bequest for Chinese Memo. Fund		1 70
	Andrew Alexander Bequest for Foreign Mission, 2d payment		2,000 00
	Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation No. 2 for Foreign Mission		367 90
	Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation No. 2 for Mission in China		183 95
	Rev. P. H. Wylie Bequest for Foreign Mission		50 00
	Mrs. Jane Allsworth Bequest for Foreign Mission		522 03
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Interest Account for Foreign Mission, 5 shares	$2,822 95	
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Interest Account for Church Erection, 1 share	564 59	
			3,387 54
	Dividend for Foreign Mission	$1,959 12	
	Dividend for Church Erection	153 00	
	Dividend for J. R. McKee Memo. for Foreign Mission	45 00	
			2,157 12
			$9,565 62
1906.			
April 30	During year remitted W. T. Miller, Treasurer, in full for above		9,565 62

REAL ESTATE DONATION, MRS REBECCA CAMERON.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,522 89
	Interest received on mortgage	$57 00	
	Less interest to time of her death paid to Home for Aged	48 76	
			8 24

1906.				
May 1.	Balance (This is not to be distributed until bond and mortgage below has been paid in full).....			$1,531 13

BOND AND MORTGAGE REAL ESTATE DONATION.

1905.				
May 1.	Balance of mortgage.....			$2,000 00
	Received on account.....			200 00
1906.				
May 1,	Balance			$1,800 00

MRS. REBECCA BROWN DONATION NO. 2, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1905.				
May 1.	Balance			$1,840 00
	Paid notary's fee in securing Life Insurance Policy.....		$0 50	
	Distributed balance of donation in accordance with terms specified by donor, viz:			
	Geneva College Endowment, 10 per cent.....	$183 95		
	Students' Fund Endowment, 10 per cent.....	183 95		
	Aged Ministers' Endowment, 7½ per cent.....	137 96		
	Widows' and Children's Endowment, 7½ per cent.....	137 96		
	W. T. Miller for Foreign Mission Current Account, 20 per cent.	367 90		
	W. T. Miller, Treasurer for Mission in China Current Account, 10 per cent.	183 95		
	Domestic Mission Current Account, 15 per cent.....	275 93		
	Southern Mission Current Account, 7½ per cent.....	137 97		
	Indian Mission Current Account, 7½ per cent.....	137 96		
	Mrs. A. G. Wallace, Treasurer for Home for Aged, 5 per cent.	91 97		
			1,839 50	
				1,840 00

ESTATE OF JOHN GIBSON, DECEASED, NEW CONCORD, O.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance due us.....		$152 00
Oct. 13.	Paid for rent of safe deposit vault.....		5 00
Nov. 13.	Paid for insurance on house.....		12 85
1906.			
May 1.	Balance due us.....		$169 85

MRS. JANE ALLSWORTH BEQUEST, PARNASSUS, PA.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance due us	$55 94	
1906.			
Mch. 9.	Amount Received		$1,100 00
Apr. 24	Domestic Mission Current Account	522 03	
Apr. 24	Foreign Mission Current Account	522 03	
			1,100 00

SAMUEL McCOY BEQUEST OF MIDDLE WHEELING CONG.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$100 00
July 26.	Domestic Mission Current Account		100 00

MISS JANE KELLY BEQUEST, WILKESBARRE, PA.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$500 00
July 26.	Southern Mission Current Account	$100 00	
July 26.	Indian Mission Current Account	100 00	
July 26.	Foreign Mission Current Account	300 00	
			500 00

MRS. ESTHER GILMORE BEQUEST.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$95 38
July 26.	Syrian Mission		95 38

JOHN HUNTER BEQUEST, FULTON, N. Y.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$5,699 00
July 26.	Theological Seminary Endowment	$2,849 50	
July 26.	Foreign Mission Endowment	2,849 50	
			5,699 00

JOHN A. McKEE ENDOWMENT BEQUEST.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$20 52
July 26.	Domestic Mission Endowment	$10 26	
July 26.	Foreign Mission Endowment	10 26	
			20 52

ANDREW ALEXANDER BEQUEST, NEW YORK, FOR SUSTENTATION FUND.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$2,000 00
1906.			
April 10.	Received second payment of 1-10th of bequest		2,000 00
			$4,000 00
April 30.	Sustentation Fund Current Account		4,000 00

ANDREW ALEXANDER BEQUEST, NEW YORK, FOR FOREIGN MISSION.

1906.			
April 10.	Received second payment of 1-10th of bequest		$2,500 00
April 10.	Foreign Mission Current Account		2,500 00

ANDREW ALEXANDER BEQUEST, NEW YORK, FOR SOUTHERN MISSION.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,000 00
1906.			
April 10.	Received second payment of 1-10th of bequest		1,000 00
			$2,000 00
April 30.	Southern Mission Current Account		2,000 00

ANDREW ALEXANDER BEQUEST, NEW YORK, FOR INDIAN MISSION.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$500 00
1906.			
April 10.	Received second payment of 1-10th of bequest		500 00
			$1,000 00
April 30.	Indian Mission Current Account		1,000 00

JAMES CARLISLE BEQUEST, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$4,000 00
July 7.	Received 1-4th residue of estate for China Mission Current Expenses.		58 04
			$4,058 04
July 26.	Foreign Mission Endowment	$2,000 00	
	James and Mary Jane Carlisle Memorial Fund	500 00	
	Domestic Mission Endowment	500 00	
	Southern Mission Endowment	500 00	
	Indian Mission Endowment	500 00	
			4,000 00
1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$58 04

MATTHEW M. HENRY BEQUEST, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

1905.			
July 8.	Cash received, the income to be used for Brooklyn Congregation		$2,000 00
June 30.	Paid notary's fees in securing bequest.	$1 00	
1906.			
April 23.	Brooklyn Congregation Endowment	1,999 00	
			$2,000 00

REV. P. H. WYLIE BEQUEST, NEW CONCORD, O.

1905.			
Sept. 19.	Received for current funds, viz.:		
		$50 00	
	Freedmen's Mission	50 00	
	Foreign Mission	50 00	
	National Reform	50 00	
			$200 00

April 23.	Domestic Mission Current Account.....	$50 00	
	Southern Mission Current Account.....	50 00	
	Foreign Mission Current Account, W. T. Miller, Treasurer.....	50 00	
	National Reform, Rev. R. C. Wylie, Treasurer	50 00	
			$200 00

MISS MARGARET GLASGOW BEQUEST OF PINE CREEK CONG.

1905.			
Nov. 15.	Received bequest $500 less collateral inheritance tax $25. to be equally divided between endowments of Syrian Mission and Mission in China		$475 00
1906.			
April 23	Foreign Mission Endowment.....	$237 50	
April 23.	Mission in China Endowment.....	237 50	
			475 00

REV. D. J. SHAW DONATION.

1905.			
Dec. 2.	Expenses of Board to date in securing donation		$65 71

CHAS. McILROY BEQUEST, SPARTA, ILL.

Jan. 23.	Paid for certified copy of will.....		$1 35

MRS. MAGGIE McCREA McCAUGHAN BEQUEST OF OLATHE CONGREGATION.

1906.			
Jan. 6.	Received for Domestic Mission.....		$577 08
	Received for Southern Mission.....		577 08
May 1.	Balance		$1,154 16

JEMIMA HAGAN BEQUEST, CINCINNATI, O.

1906.			
Mch. 29.	Received for Foreign Mission.....		$180 57
	Received for Home Mission.....		180 57
May 1.	Balance		$361 14

MRS. REBECCA CAMERON, ROCHESTER, N. Y. CASH DONATION.

1905 & 1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$2,474 73

REAL ESTATE DONATION.

1905 & 1906.			
May 1.	Balance paid out.....		$25 00

DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS ON WHICH THE BOARD PAYS INTEREST DURING LIFE OF DONOR.

1906.		
May 1.	Thomas Christison Donation, Guthrie, Wis	$100 00
	Rev. Robert Shields Bequest, Almonte, Ontario, Canada	600 00
	Cash donation $800.00, less $70 returned during year	730 00
	Cash donation $2,100.00, less $50 returned during year	2,050 00

FUND TO PROCURE HOME FOR FAMILY OF REV. CHAS. CLYDE, DEC'D.

1905.		
May 1.	Balance	$1,274 07
1906.		
April 30.	Interest Account average interest 1 year to 5-1-1906	50 14
		$1,324 21
	Paid taxes 1905	26 69
May 1.	Balance	$1,297 52

SOUTH CAROLINA CEMETERY LOT REPAIRS, NEAR CHESTER, S. C.

1905 & 1906.		
May 1.	Balance	$12 25

MRS. REBECCA CAMERON LIFE INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE DONATION.

1905.		
May 1.	Balance	$72 16
Oct. 3.	Received 6 mos. interest to 10-1-1905 on mortgage	60 00
1906.		
Apr. 25.	Interest Acct., interest to 3-5-1906 on cash received on account sale of property	18 55
		$150 71
Apr. 30.	Remitted. Home for Aged, Mrs. A. G. Wallace, Tr	150 71

SOUTHFIELD CHURCH ACCOUNT.

May 1.	Balance due	$2 00
	Paid notary's fee and postage	75
		$2 75
May 29.	Cash received from Congregation	2 75

W. P. M. S. PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

1905 & 1906.		
May 1.	Balance	$200 00

OFFICE FURNITURE ACCOUNT.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$423 51
	Paid for linoleum, window shades and portieres		13 00
	Paid for typewriter		30 00
	Paid for letter press		1 50
			$468 01
	Received for office carpet sold		26 23
1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$441 78

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

1906.			
April 30.	Rent of office to 5-1-1906 viz.:		
	Frick Bldg. 2½ mos.	$167 50	
	Penn Bldg. 9½ mos.	247 50	
			$415 00
	Telephone		55 00
	P. O. stamps		58 88
	Repairing furniture		4 90
	Bond of Treasurer		50 00
	Salary of Assistant		715 00
	Moving expenses		44 50
	Insurance on office furniture		28 80
	Car fare		19 55
	Stationery		11 15
	Printing		27 00
	Letter-book for Secretary and paper		1 52
	Postage for Secretary		3 40
	Typewriting Secretary's report to Synod		3 85
	D. Chestnut, traveling expenses to Synod 1905		3 10
	D. Chestnut, extra for services, per order Synod, 1905		300 00
	D. Chestnut, salary 1 year, 5-1-1906		500 00
	J. S. Tibby, salary 11 mos., to 5-1-1906.		825 00
1905.			
June 6.	Received for typewriting Finance Committee's report to Synod	$5 60	
1906.			
April 30.	Geneva College, Current Acct	306 60	
	Theological Seminary, Current Acct	229 95	
"	Domestic Mission, Current Acct	229 95	
	Southern Mission, Current Acct	153 31	
	Interest Acct	2,145 24	
		$3,066 65	$3,066 65

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

1905. May 1.	Balance		$622 88
1906. April 30.	Net profit on sale of properties		661 41
	Geneva College Current Acct., interest. on mortgage of Geneva Co. Ltd.		4,011 37
	Interest Acct., balance transferred		412 78
			$5,708 44
1905. Nov. 8.	Paid Mrs. Eliza H. Aiken amount transferred from Robert Aiken property Acct	$213 83	
1906. April 24.	Net loss on sale of No. 337 Savannah Ave	2,909 81	
			$3,123 64
May 1.	Balance		$2,584 80

CASH ACCOUNT.

May 1	Balance		$10,873 74
	Receipts during year		125,739 99
			$136,613 73
	Expenditures during year		134,021 41
1906. May 1.	Balance		$2,592 32

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

1905. May 1.	Balance	$51 66
1906. April 30.	Received interest on mortgages, etc., during year	15,475 37
	Received, net income, on real estate	1,231 71
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Interest Acct.	445 73
	Pittsburgh Pres. Education and Investment Funds, 5 per cent. of revenue	6 22
	Geneva College Current Acct.	215 56
	Theological Seminary Current Acct.	77 40
	Domestic Mission Current Acct.	224 96
	Wilkinsburg Congregation Int. Acct., 5 per cent. of revenue	1 12
	Brooklyn Congregation Int. Acct., 5 per cent. of revenue	6 45
	Iowa Pres. Int. Acct., 5 per cent. of revenue	1 57
	Bible Society Int. Acct., 5 per cent. of revenue	11
		$17,737 86

Expenditures.

1906.				
April 30.	Rev. Robert Shields Bequest Int. Acct., paid 1 year's interest, to 6/29/1905.		$24 00	
	Mrs. R. Cameron, interest on cash donation		115 97	
	Mrs. R. Cameron, interest on real estate donation		18 55	
	Cash Donation Accts. (name not to be given)		123 90	
	W. P. M. S., Pittsburgh Pres.		9 00	
	Mrs. Agnes McInroy Int. Acct		120 00	
	Pittsburgh Pres. Funds		124 44	
	Fund to Procure Home for Family of Rev. Chas. Clyde, Dec'd.		50 14	
	Thomas Christison Donation Int. Acct.		5 00	
	Expense Account		2,146 24	
	Dividend, 4½ per cent., on endowments of $324,174 31, viz.:			
	Geneva College Cur. Acct.	$6,178 33		
	Theological Seminary Cur. Acct.	2,754 29		
	Students' Fund Cur. Acct.	716 75		
	Foreign Mission Int. Acct.	1,959 12		
	Domestic Mission Cur. Acct.	1,399 55		
	Southern Mission Cur. Acct.	205 03		
	Chinese Home Mission Cur. Acct.	4 50		
	Indian Mission Cur. Acct.	67 50		
	Aged Ministers' Fund Cur. Acct.	573 32		
	Fund for Widows and Children of Dec'd Ministers Cur. Acct.	256 10		
	Church Extension Int. Acct.	153 00		
	Jas. R. McKee Memo. Int. Acct. (Widows and Orphans)	90 00		
	Jas. R. McKee Memo. Int. Acct. (Foreign Mission).	45 00		
	Iowa Pres. Int. Acct.	31 50		
	Wilkinsburg Cong. Int. Acct.	22 50		
	Bible Society Int. Acct	2 25		
	Brooklyn Cong. Int. Acct.	129 10		
			14,587 84	
	Contingent Acct., balance transferred...		412 78	
			$17,737 86	$17,737 86

DOMESTIC MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

1906.				
April 30.	From Congregations	$5,409 48		
	Sabbath-schools	790 78		
	L. M. Societies	460 60		
	Mission Bands	5 00		
	Y. P. Societies	157 54		
	Individuals	1,114 78		
	W. P. M. Society	91 60		
	C. E. Union	30 00		
				$8,059 78
	Mary Gray Bequest (balance)			50 15
	Samuel McCoy Bequest			100 00
	Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation No. 2			275 93
	Rev. P. H. Wylie Bequest			50 00
	Mrs. Jane Allsworth Bequest			522 03
	D. Gregg Endow. Bequest Int. Acct., 3 shares			1,693 77
	Dividend, 4½ per cent. on endowment of $31,101 04			1,399 55
				$12,151 21

Expenditures.

1905.				
May 1.	Balance overdrawn		$2,773 12	
	Paid appro. by Synod 1904 in full to July 1, 1905, viz.:			
	Ohio Pres.	$100 00		
	Colorado Pres.	385 00		
	Illinois Pres.	250 00		
	Iowa Pres.	261 00		
	N. B. & N. S. Pres.	112 50		
	New York Pres.	24 00		
	Rochester Pres.	8 64		
	Lakes Pres.	287 50		
	Pittsburgh Pres.	247 50		
	Kansas Pres.	512 50		
			2,188 64	
	Paid on account appros. by Synod 1905 in full to April 1, 1906, viz.:			
	Colorado Pres.	$1,330 00		
	Illinois Pres.	887 50		
	Ohio Pres.	150 00		
	Vermont Pres.	53 00		
	New York Pres.	536 00		
	Lakes Pres.	1,112 50		
	Rochester Pres.	48 96		
	Kansas Pres.	1,785 00		
	N. B. & N. S. Pres.	665 00		
	Pittsburgh Pres.	592 50		
	Iowa Pres.	487 50		
			7.647 96	
	Paid for printing 1,000 circulars and postage on same		5 43	
	Expense Account		229 95	

	Interest Acct., 1 year's interest, to 5/1/1906, at 6 per cent., on average quarterly overdraft	224 96	
			13,070 06
1906. May 1.	Balance overdrawn		$918 85

INDIAN MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1905. May 1.	Balance on hand		$825 51
	Receipts.		
	From Congregations	$2,144 06	
	Sabbath-schools	280 98	
	S. S. Classes	14 00	
	L. M. Societies	110 65	
	Mission Bands	6 00	
	Y. P.'s Societies	10 00	
	Individuals	322 06	
	W. P. M. S. Pittsburgh Pres.	1,194 74	
			4,082 49
	Miss Jane Kelly Bequest		100 00
	Andrew Alexander Bequest, 1st & 2d payments		1,000 00
	Mrs. Rebecca Brown Donation No. 2		137 97
	Receipts per report Rev. W. W. Carithers		979 84
	Indian Mission Industrial School (amount transferred)		139 60
	Dividend: 4½% on Endowment of $1,500 00		67 50
			$7,332 91
	Expenditures.		
	Indian Mission Building Acct. (amount transferred)	2 89	
	Paid Rev. W. W. Carithers expenses of Mission	1,520 60	
	For Psalm selections	3 38	
	Rev. A. J. McFarland, assisting at communion	25 00	
	Rev. Jas. McCune, preaching and assisting at communion	70 00	
	Traveling expenses of teachers	164 16	
	Salaries of teachers	2,450 00	4,236 03
1906. May 1.	Balance on hand		$3,096 88

INDIAN MISSION INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

1905. May 1.	Balance		$139 60
July 27.	Indian Mission Current Acct. (amount transferred)	$139 60	

INDIAN MISSION BUILDING ACCOUNT.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance due		$2 89
July 27.	Indian Mission Current Acct. (amount transferred)	$2 89	

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

1906.			
April 30.	From Congregations	$615 21	
	Sabbath-schools	16 59	
	Individuals	132 23	
			$764 03
	D. Gregg Endow. Bequest Int. Acct		564 59
	Dividend: 4½% on Endowment of $61,206 19		2,754 29
			$4,082 91
1905.			
May 1.	Balance overdrawn		$1,289 92

Expenditures.

1906.			
	Paid traveling expenses of superintendents	54 10	
	Salaries to 6-1-1906	4,400 00	
	Expense Acct	229 95	
	Interest Acct. one year's interest on overdraft of $1,289 92	77 40	6,051 37
May 1.	Balance overdrawn		$1,968 46

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,223 40

Receipts.

	From Congregations	$194 78	
	Sabbath-schools	1 11	
	Individuals	1 43	197 32
			$1,420 72

Expenditures.

	Paid for books, magazines, &c	$45 83	
	Geneva College Library Acct. (amount of receipts during year transferred per order Synod 1905)	197 32	243 15
1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$1,177 57

STUDENTS' FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1905. May 1.	Balance		$129 46
	Receipts.		
	From Congregations	$309 41	
	Sabbath-schools	10 62	
	Individuals	58 48	
			378 51
	Dividend: 4½% on Endowment of $15,927 93		716 75
			$1,224 72
	Expenditures.		
	Paid per order Synod's Board of Control, viz.:		
	Rev. J. A. Black, Sec. for postage printing, &c.	$1 75	
	R. W. Piper	150 00	
	E. C. Mitchell	150 00	
	R. E. Willson	150 00	
	A. A. Wylie	150 00	
	W. O. Ferguson	150 00	
	A. T. Smith	150 00	
	S. G. Finney	150 00	1,051 75
1906. May 1.	Balance		$172 97

MEMORIAL BUILDING RENT ACCOUNT.

1905. May 1.	Balance	$4,273 42
1906. April 30.	Rent received	800 00
		$5,073 42
April 30.	Paid repairs, gas bills, taxes, &c.	596 19
May 1.	Balance	$4,477 23

AGED MINISTERS' FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1905. May 1.	Balance		$468 67
	Receipts.		
	From Congregations	$682 04	
	Sabbath-schools	11 36	
	Individuals	127 98	
			821 38
	Dividend: 4½% on Endowment of $12,740 56		573 32
			$1,863 37

	Carried forward		$1,863 37
	Expenditures.		
	Paid per order Synod's Board of Control viz.:		
	Rev. Jas. R. Baird	$350 00	
	Rev. John M. Armour	300 00	
	Rev. John C. K. Faris	300 00	
	Rev. D. S. Faris	250 00	
	Rev. J. A. Black, Sec., postage, printing, &c	75	1,200 75
1906. May 1.	Balance		$662 62

FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF DECEASED MINISTERS, CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1905. May 1.	Balance		$811 83
	Receipts.		
	From Congregation	$805 31	
	Sabbath Schools	21 26	
	Individuals	132 62	
			959 19
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest, Interest Acct		564 59
	Dividend: 4½ per cent. on Endowment of $5,691 06		256 10
	James R. McKee, Memorial Interest Acct		90 00
			$2,681 71
	Expenditures.		
	Paid per order Synod's Board of Control as follows:		
	Mrs. Sarah I. Clyde	$300 00	
	Miss Juliet H. Cannon	100 00	
	Miss Martha E. Cannon	100 00	
	Mrs. Margaret Lawson	200 00	
	Mrs. Nancy Reid	200 00	
	Mrs. Susan Love	100 00	
	Mrs. Kezia E. Smith	100 00	
	Mrs. Mary A. McMillan	150 00	
	Mrs. J. A. McClurkin	300 00	
	Mrs. Bella T. Dodds	150 00	
	Miss Elizabeth R. Williams	120 00	
	Rev J. A. Black, Sec., for postage, printing, etc	2 50	
			1,822 50
1906. May 1.	Balance		$859 21

SOUTHERN MISSION, CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1905. May 1.	Balance			$1,464 54
	Receipts.			
	From Congregations	$2,041 18		
	Sabbath Schools	516 97		
	S. S. Classes	40 07		
	L. M. Societies	151 45		
	Young People's Societies	19 84		
	Individuals	390 06		
	W. P. M. Societies	47 78		
				3,207 35
	Mary Gray Bequest			25 00
	Miss Jane Kelly Bequest			100 00
	Andrew Alexander Bequest, 1st and 2d payments			2,000 00
	Mrs. Rebecca Brown, Donation No. 2.			137 96
	Rev P. H. Wylie Bequest			50 00
	Mrs. Sarah McLane Bequest			11 00
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Interest Acct.			564 59
	Knox Academy Current Acct			636 96
	Superintendent's Home, Selma, Ala., Rent Acct			100 00
	Industrial Building, Selma, Ala			19 46
	Dividend: 4½ per cent. on Endowment of $4,556 28			205 03
				$8,521 89
	Expenditures.			
	Paid Insurance	$57 50		
	East Selma School	95 00		
	Repairs	100 00		
	Traveling expenses of teachers	215 85		
	Salaries of teachers	4,793 75		
	Notary's fee in acknowledging deed	50		
	Southern Mission Industrial School	254 12		
	Southern Mission Building Acct	35 85		
	Expense Acct	153 31		
				5,705 88
1906. May 1.	Balance			$2,816 01

SOUTHERN MISSION INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

1905. May 1.	Balance overdrawn		$223 71
	Paid expenses of school to 6-1-1905		63 80
			$287 51
	Received cash		33 39
			$254 12
July 27.	Southern Mission Current Acct. (amount transferred)		254 12

SOUTHERN MISSION BUILDING ACCOUNT.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance overdrawn		$39 35
	Cash received		3 50
	Southern Mission Current Account (amount transferred)		35 85

KNOX ACADEMY CURRENT ACCOUNT

1906.			
April 30.	Received for tuition during year		$1,099 13
	Less expenses		462 17
			636 96
	Southern Mission Current Account (amount transferred)		636 96

SUPERINTENDENT'S HOME, SELMA, ALA., RENT ACCOUNT.

1906.			
April 30.	Received for rent		$100.00
	Southern Mission Current Account (amount transferred)		100 00

INDUSTRIAL BUILDING, SELMA, ALA.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$19 46
July 27.	Southern Mission Current Account (amount transferred)		19 46

CHINESE HOME MISSION CURRENT ACCOUNT;

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$580 79
	Receipts.		
	From Congregation	517 26	
	Sabath Schools	39 24	
	L. M. Societies	15 00	
	Individuals	109 00	
	W. P. M. Societies	16 20	
			696 70
	Mary Gray Bequest		4 50
	Chinese of Oakland Chinese Mission		140 00
	D. Gregg Endowment Bequest Interest Acct		564 58
	Dividend; 4½ per cent. on Endowment of $100		4 50
			1,991 07
	Expenditures.		
	Paid salary of teacher	$1,000 00	
	Hall rent	282 00	
			1,282 00
1906.			
May 1.	Balance		$709 07

SUSTENTATION FUND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1905.
May 1. Balance $2,227 68

Receipts.

From Congregations	$1,746 33	
Individuals	95 11	
W. P. M. Society....	3 50	
C. E. Union	30 00	
Sabbath-school	13 02	
		1,887 96
Andrew Alexander Bequest, first and second payments.....		4,000 00
D. Gregg Endowment Bequest, Interest Acct.		564 59
		$8,680 23

Expenditures.

Paid appropriation by Synod, 1905, in full, viz.:		
Almonte Cong., Rev. P. P. Boyd...	$249 00	
Barnet Cong., Rev. D. C. Faris.....	188 00	
Second Boston Cong., Rev. J. M. Foster	498 00	
Coldenham Cong., Rev. Thos. Patton	249 00	
Jonathans Creek Cong., Rev. J. C. Slater	249 00	
Kansas City, Mo., Cong., Rev. A. J. McFarland, Jr.	383 00	
Lochiel Cong., Rev. W. G. Robb...	249 00	
Mercer Cong., Rev. W. J. McKnight, 10 mos.	133 33	
Muskingum and Tomica Cong., Wilbur McBurney, 8 mos.....	224 00	
Rehoboth, Ia., Cong., Rev. J. A. Black	249 00	
Slippery Rock Cong., Rev. J. R. Latimer	249 00	
Superior Cong., Rev. S. J. Johnston	291 00	
Syracuse Cong., Rev. G. M. Robb, 4 mos.	181 00	
Syracuse Cong., John Yates, 2 mos.	90 00	
West Hebron Cong., Rev. T. A. McElwain	374 00	
White Lake Cong., Rev. J. H. Pritchard	249 00	
St. Louis Cong., Rev. M. M. Pearce, 2 mos	97 00	
		4,202 00

1906.
May 1. Balance $4,478 23

TESTIMONY BEARING CURRENT ACCOUNT.

1905.				
May 1.	Balance			$345 26
	Receipts.			
	From Congregations	$1,078 89		
	Sabbath-schools	22 71		
	L. M. Societies	5 00		
	Individuals	255 86		
	W. P. M. Societies	45 00		
				1,407 46
	Receipts per Rev. W. J. Coleman, lecturer			3 79
	Receipts per Rev. A. J. McFarland, lecturer			186 43
				$1,942 94
	Expenditures.			
	Paid expenses of Rev. A. J. McFarland		$232 00	
	Salary of Rev. A. J. McFarland.		1,200 00	
	Century Printing and Pub. Co., order No. 99		48 00	
	Century Printing and Pub. Co., order No. 100		8 85	
	Rev. W. J. Coleman, order No. 101		7 69	
	Rev. W. J. Coleman, order No. 102		6 90	
	Traveling expenses attending committee meeting		4 16	
				1,507 60
1906.				
May 1.	Balance			$435 34

GENEVA COLLEGE CURRENT ACCOUNT.

	Receipts.		
	From Congregations	$722 26	
	Sabbath-school	5 21	
	Individuals	36 03	
			$763 50
	Rent of chapel		100 00
	Tuition		2,400 00
	Geneva College Interest Acct.		737 10
	Dividend: 4½ per cent. on Endowment of $137,296.28		6,178 33
			$10,178 93

	Carried forward		$10,178 93
1905.			
May 1.	Balance overdrawn	$3,592 77	
	Expenditures.		
	Paid prize of Board of Trustees	25 00	
	Insurance on buildings	340 00	
	Taxes on athletic field	30 16	
	Traveling expenses to Board meetings	6 20	
	For repairs and equipment	211 41	
	Salaries to June 1, 1906	10,410 00	
	Interest Acct., 1 year's interest on overdraft of $3,592.77	215 56	
	Expense Acct.	306 60	
	Contingent Acct., balance of interest on $4,000.00, mortgage of Geneva College. Limited to 5-1-1906	4,011 37	
			19,149 07
1906.			
May 1.	Balance overdrawn		$8,970 14

GENEVA COLLEGE INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1906.			
April 30.	Received interest on Geneva College notes during year		$737 10
	Geneva College Cur. Acct. (Amount transferred)		737 10

GENEVA COLLEGE LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$191 05
	From Theo. Sem. Library Fund. (Receipts during year)		197 32
			$388 37
1906.			
April 30.	Paid for books, magazines, etc.		154 71
May 1.	Balance		$233 66

GENEVA COLLEGE DORMITORY IMPROVEMENTS.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance unpaid on note		$1,132 00
	Interest Acct. 1 year's interest		63 15
			$1,195 15
	Received 1 year's interest on note	$63 15	
	Received on account principal of note	165 00	
			228 15
1906.			
May 1.	Balance due on note		$967 00

PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY ACCOUNTS.

1906.			
May 1.	Balance Pittsburg Pres. Current Acct.		$724 80
	Pittsburg Pres. Education Fund		787 86
	Pittsburg Pres. Investment Fund		2,350 00
	Pittsburg Pres. S. S. Convention Fund		11 85

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

	1905.	1906.
Geneva College Endowment	$137,296 28	$141,869 63
Theological Seminary Endowment	61,206 19	64,220 69
Students' Fund Endowment	15,927 93	16,236 88
Foreign Mission Endowment	43,536 17	48,633 43
Domestic Mission Endowment	31,101 04	31,611 30
Southern Mission Endowment	4,556 28	5,056 28
Chinese Home Mission Endowment	100 00	100 00
Indian Mission Endowment	1,500 00	2,000 00
Aged Ministers' Endowment	12,740 56	12,878 52
James and Mary Jane Carlisle Memo. Endowment		500 00
Mission in China Endowment		237 50
Fund for Widows and Children of Dec'd Ministers Endowment	5,691 06	5,829 02
Church Extension Endowment	3,400 00	3,400 00
Jas. R. McKee Memorial (Widows and Children) Endowment	2,000 00	2,000 00
Jas. R. McKee Memorial (Foreign Mission) Endowment	1,000 00	1,000 00
Mrs. Mary Ann Henry Bequest Endowment (for 1906, transferred to Brooklyn Cong. Endowment	2,868 80	
Brooklyn Congregation Endowment		4,867 80
Iowa Presbytery Endowment	700 00	700 00
Wilkinsburg Congregation Endowment	500 00	500 00
Bible Society Endowment	50 00	50 00
(Dividend, 4½ per cent., declared on this amount)	$324,174 31	
(Dividend to be declared on this amount next year)		$341,691 05
Mrs. Agnes McInroy Endowment (not governed by dividend but by specified rate of interest)		3,000 00
D. Gregg Bequest Endowment (not governed by dividend; net revenue distributed as instructed by donor)		157,015 73

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, to audit the accounts of James S. Tibby, Treasurer, would respectfully report that we have performed the duty assigned us, having examined the accounts, bonds, mortgages and other securities, and cash in bank and on hand, and business of the Board as set forth in this report to the Synod of 1906, and find same correct.

A. C. COULTER,
S. McNAUGHER,
Auditors.

BALANCE SHEET.

Total Amount of Endowments		$501,706 78
SUNDRY ACCOUNTS.		
Greensburg Church Property Account		1,798 00
Manchester Church Building		43 00
Contingent Account		2,584 80
Mrs. Rebecca Cameron Cash Donation		2,474 73
Mrs. Rebecca Cameron Real Estate Donation		1,531 13
Thomas Christison Donation		100 00
Cash Donation		730 00
Cash Donation		2,050 00
Real Estate Donation		1 00
Rev. Robert Shields Bequest		600 00
James Carlisle Bequest		58 04
Mrs. Maggie A. McCrea McCaughan Bequest		1,154 16
Jemima Hagan Bequest		361 14
Fund to Procure Home for Family of Rev. Chas. Clyde, Dec'd		1,297 52
South Carolina Cemetery Lot Repairs		12 25
W. P. M. S. of Pittsburgh Presbytery		200 00
Pittsburgh Presbytery Current Account		724 80
Pittsburgh Presbytery Education Fund		787 86
Pittsburgh Presbytery Investment Fund		2,350 00
Pittsburgh Presbytery S. S. Convention Fund		11 85
CURRENT ACCOUNTS.		
Indian Mission Current Account		3,096 88
Theological Seminary Library Fund		1,177 57
Students' Fund Current Account		172 97
Memorial Building Rent Account		4,477 23
Aged Ministers' Fund Current Account		662 62
Fund for Widows and Children of Dec'd Ministers Current Account		859 21
Southern Mission Current Account		2,816 01
Chinese Home Mission Current Account		709 07
Sustentation Fund Current Account		4,478 23
Testimony Bearing Current Account		435 34
Geneva College Library Account		233 66
ASSETS.		
David Gregg Endowment Bequest Mortgage Acct.	$156,200 00	
Regular Mortgage Account	292,892 26	
Real Estate	72,681 35	
Iowa Presbytery Account	78	
Office Furniture Account	441 78	
Cash Account	2,592 32	
Domestic Mission Current Account	918 85	
Theological Seminary Current Account	1,968 46	
Geneva College Current Account	8,970 14	
Geneva College Dormitory Improvements	967 00	
Bond and Mortgage Real Estate Donation	1,800 00	
Real Estate Donation	25 00	
Real Estate Account	1 00	
Estate of John Gibson, Dec'd	169 85	
Rev. D. J. Shaw Donation	65 71	
Chas. McIlroy Bequest	1 35	
	$539,695 85	$539,695 85

SYNOPSIS OF THE REPORT OF WALTER T. MILLER, TREASURER, FROM MARCH 28TH, 1905, TO MARCH 27TH, 1906.

The Receipts have been:

From Congregations	$8,137 62
From Sabbath-schools and Missionary Societies	2,866 35
From Individuals and Bequests	2,600 76
From Special Contributions	363 43
From Dividend, David Gregg Endowment Fund, by Trustees of Synod	2,682 35
From Dividend, Invested Funds, by Trustees of Synod	1,850 29
From Dividend, J. R. McKee Memorial, by Trustees of Synod.	42 50
From Bequest of Andrew Alexander, by Trustees of Synod, first payment under his will, through Mrs. Alexander Murtland, Executrix	2,500 00
From Young People, Second New York Congregation, Salary of their Missionary, Rev. Walter McCarroll	800 00
From Bequest of Mrs. McCaughan, of Olathe, Kans.	577 08
From Through Olive Trees, from Ministers of the Reformed Presbyterian Church	80 50
From Elders of the Reformed Presbyterian Church	4 50
From Young Women of the Reformed Presbyterian Church	165 00
From the Women of Second N. Y. Cong. and their Friends, for Mountain Schools in Syria	481 00
Total Receipts	$23,151 38

The Expenditures have been:

For Salaries	$9,290 49
For Shipping Expenses	136 77
For Small Items, Stationery, Cablegrams, etc	29 03
For Mission Expenses, acct. Latakia	3,738 90
For Mission Expenses, acct. Cyprus	1,464 74
For Mission Expenses, acct. Tarsus	4,722 65
For Special Contributions, acct. Latakia	765 86
For Special Contributions, acct. Tarsus	293 00
For Special Contributions, acct. Cyprus	657 79
For Special Contributions, acct. Suedia	238 26
For Outfit, acct. Dr. A. R. Dray	150 00
For Medical Instruments, acct Mersine	100 00
For Medical Supplies, acct. Mersine	100 00
For Medical Supplies, acct. Latakia	145 88
For Medical Supplies, acct. Suedia	43 65
For Traveling Expenses:	
Dr. J. M. Balph and wife, from N. Y. to Latakia	465 72
Misses Edgar and Cunningham, from N. Y. to Latakia	466 80
Rev. Samuel Edgar, from Denver to New York and return	105 10
Freight and Custom charges on Miss L. McNaughton's effects	43 52
For Medical Examination, Rev. Samuel Edgar by Dr. Furney, of La Junta	5 00
For Medical Examination, Rev. Samuel Edgar by Dr. Fleck, of Philadelphia	25 00
Total Expenditures	$22,988 16

The excess of Receipts over Expenditures being.....	$163 22
Deducted from Debit Balance of March 28th, 1905.....	9,700 29
Leaves a Debit Balance this date of.....	$9,537 07

THE SYRIAN HOSPITAL FUND.

Cr.

1905.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		$2,954 34
1906.			
May 5.	By Cash, contributions received to date from Individuals and Missionary Societies for general purposes of Hospital.....		229 00
	By Cash, contributions received to date, Individuals, S. S. and Missionary Societies, for support of beds		465 00
	By Cash, Interest to date.....		75 00

Dr.

1905.			
Sept. 1.	To Cash, paid Brown Bros for 20 sovreigns @ $4.88, given to J. M. Balph	$97 60	
Sept. 5.	To Cash, paid Brown Bros. for Sterling Bill, 25 @ $4.87, sent J. M. Balph	121 75	
Oct. 2.	To Cash, paid Montgomery Ward & Co.	60 55	
	To Cash, paid Montgomery Ward & Co., freight	6 29	
Nov. 17.	To Cash, paid Brown Bros. for Sterling Bill, 103.10.5, @ $4.83, sent to J. M. Balph.....	500 00	
1906.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	2,937 15	
		$3,723 34	$3,723 34

Cr.

1906.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....	$2,937 15

TARSUS-MERSINE HOSPITAL FUND.

Cr.

1905.		
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....	$371 77

Dr.

1906.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$371 77	
		$371 77	$371 77

Cr.

1906.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$371 77

BUILDING FUND FOR LARNACA.

Cr.

1905.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		$54 00

Dr.

1906.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$54 00	
		$54 00	$54 00

Cr.

1906.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down		$54 00

THE D. J. SHAW MEMORIAL FUND.

Cr.

1905.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		$1.235 50
1906.			
May 5.	By Cash, Interest earned to date....		37 20

Dr.

1906.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$1.272 70	
		$1.272 70	$1.272 70

Cr.

1906.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$1.272 70

MERSINE CEMETERY FENCE FUND.

Cr.

1905.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		$57 00

Dr.

1905.			
May 19.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. for part Sterling Bill, 100, say 11.15@ 4.84.90	$57 00	
		$57 00	$57 00

MISSION IN CHINA.

The Receipts have been:	
From Congregations	$2,651 17
From Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies.....	1,513 43
From Individuals and Bequests.....	1,324 88
From Bequest of Mrs. M. A. Caughain, of Olathe, Kas.....	577 08
From Colorado Presbytery, salary their Missionary, Dr. Kate McBurney	550 00
From Third Philadelphia Congregation, salary their Missionary, Dr. J. M. Wright	1,000 00

From First Philadelphia Congregation, through the Men's Missionary Society, salary their Missionary, Dr. Jean McBurney		525 00
From Transfer from Harry Lanphear Memorial Fund, half year's salary, Rev. Julius Kempf		600 00
Total Receipts		$8,741 56
The Expenditures have been:		
For Salaries	$5,020 65	
For Mission Expenses	400 00	
For Special Contributions	759 70	
For Shipping Expenses	46 64	
Total Expenditures		$6,226 99
The Excess of Receipts over Expenditures being		$2,514 57
Added to Credit Balance of March 28th, 1905, of		3,290 17
Leaves a Credit Balance this date of		$5,804 74

BUILDING FUND.

Cr.

1905. May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod		$3,169 38
1906. May 5.	By Cash, Interest earned to date		75 00

Dr.

1905. June 5.	To Cash, paid Brown Bros., for part Letter of Credit No. 648, for $1,000, sent to J. K. Robb, Treasurer	$600 00	
1906. May 5.	To Balance carried down	2,644 38	
		$3,244 38	$3,244 38

Cr.

1906. May 5.	By Balance brought down	$2,644 38

ROBERT MCNEILL CHAPEL MEMORIAL FUND.

Cr.

1906. May 21.	By Cash, from Mrs. (Robert) Martha McNeil, completing cost of Chapel	$400 00

Dr.

1906. Feb. 13.	To Cash, paid Brown Bros., for part Letter of Credit No. 659, for $1,400, sent to J. K. Robb, Treasurer	$400 00	
		$400 00	$400 00

DR. J. MAUDE GEORGE HOSPITAL FUND.

Cr.

1905.			
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....		$513 25
Aug. 7.	By Cash, L. M. S., New Castle Cong.		16 00
1906.			
May 5.	By Interest earned to date.....		15 75

Dr.

1906.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$545 00	
		$545 00	$545 00

Cr.

1906.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....	$545 00

NEW STATION IN CHINA OF DRS. KATE AND JEAN MCBURNEY.

Cr.

1905.		
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	$513 25
1906.		
May 5.	By Interest earned to date.....	15 30

Dr.

1906.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$528 55	
		$528 55	$528 55

Cr.

1906.		
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....	$528 55

HOSPITAL IN CHINA, OR DISPENSARY FUND.

Cr.

1905.		
May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....	$88 72
June 29.	By Cash, Thank Offering, W. M. S., of Pittsburgh Presbytery.....	10 33
1906.		
May 5.	By Balance carried down.....	95

Dr.

1905.			
Sept. 13.	To Cash paid Brown Bros. for part Letter of Credit, No. 651, sent to J. K. Robb, Tr.....	$100 00	
		$100 00	$100 00

Dr.

1906.		
May 6.	To Balance brought down.....	$0 95

DAVID OLIVER BROWN MEMORIAL FUND.

1905.	*Cr.*		
Oct. 13.	By Cash, Mrs. Mary A. Brown, in Memory of her husband, David Oliver Brown, of New Alexandria, Pa. This is to be counted and mentioned as part of the $5,000 required to confirm the offer already made for the Mission in China, but this contribution in its use is to remain as a distinct Memorial of Mr. Brown.....		$1,400 00
1906.			
May 5.	By Cash, Interest earned to date....		28 00
1906.	*Dr.*		
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$1,428 00	
		$1,428 00	$1,428 00
1906.	*Cr.*		
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$1,428 00

HARRY LANPHEAR MEMORIAL FUND.

1905.	*Cr.*		
June 8.	By Cash, from Mrs. Harry Lanphear, of Blanchard, Ia., through Dr. Sommerville, a memorial of her husband, Mr. Harry Lanphear, deceased. The principal and interest is to be used to pay the salary of a Missionary in some Foreign field, and she is to be advised of the same, of the Missionary and the field where he labors. It is a condition that she be notified at least once a year where the money is being used, how much yearly, the name of the Missionary, and such other items that may be of interest..		$4,000 00
1906.			
Jan. 8.	By Cash, Mrs. Harry Lanphear, of Blanchard, Ia., through Dr. Sommerville, additional contribution, conditions etc. as above.....		1,000 00
1906.			
May 5.	By Cash, Interest earned to date.....		130 00
1905	*Dr.*		
Sept. 13.	To Cash, Payment year's salary, Rev. Julius A. Kempf, due in advance 1st October to 1st October, 1906, transferred to Mission in China Fund.....	$600 00	
1906.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	4,530 00	
		$5,130.00	$5,130 00
1906.	*Cr.*		
May 5.	By Balance carried down.....		$4,530 00

NEW STATION (TO SIN, CHINA).

Cr.

1905.			
Dec. 12.	By Cash, Contributions contributed through Dr. Sommerville.....		$8,650 00
1906.			
May 5.	By Cash, From Individuals.....		16 84
	By Cash, From Sunday-schools and Missionary Societies		43 40
	By Cash, Interest earned to date.....		129 00

Dr.

1906.			
April 2.	To Cash, Paid Brown Bros., Letter of Credit No. 661, sent to J. K. Robb, Treasurer	$1,000 00	
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	7,839 24	
		$8,839 24	$8,839 24

Cr.

1906.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$7,839 24

MEMORIAL THANK OFFERING FUND, LATAKIA, TARSUS, SUEDIA, CYPRUS, FOREIGN AND CHINA.

Cr.

1905.			
May 5.	By balance as reported to Synod.....		$667 17
1906.			
May 5.	By Contributions received to date for Latakia		38 50
	By Contributions received to date for Cyprus		18 00
	By Contributions received to date for China		827 77
	By Contributions received to date for Foreign Missions.....		106 02

Dr.

1906.			
May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$1,657 46	
		$1,657 46	$1,657 46

Cr.

1906.			
May 5.	By Balance brought down.....		$1,657 46

TEMPORARY INVESTMENT FUND.

Cr.

1905. May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....		$14,655 49
1906. May 5.	By Interest to date.....		441 00

Dr.

1906. May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	$15,096 49	
		$15,096 49	$15,096 49

Cr.

1906. May 5.	By Balance brought down.....	$15,096 49

HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND, CHINA.

Cr.

1905. May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod....	$47 94
1906. May 5.	By Balance carried down.....	927 06

Dr.

1905. Dec 14.	To Cash, paid Brown Bros., part Letter of Credit, for $1,000, sent to J. K. Robb, Treas.....	$975 00	
		$975 00	$975 00

Dr.

1906. May 5.	To Balance brought down.....	$927 06

FUNDS RECEIVED TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TREASURER.

Cr.

1906. May 5.	By Cash, from Rev. G. H. McBurney and wife.....		$125 00
	By Cash, from Mr. J. H. McBurney, of Cannonsburg, Pa.....		75 00
	By Cash, from others.....		48 00
	By Cash, from Mrs. Rachel McNeill, for Pulpit Bible in China.....		25 00

Dr.

1905. Dec. 21.	To Cash, paid B. C. Linstrom & Co., bill for surgical instruments for Hospital in China.....	$169 90	
Dec. 27.	To Cash, paid freight on above goods	22 80	
	To Cash, paid Insurance on above goods	2 03	

	Carried forward	$194 73	$273 00
1905. Dec. 14.	To Cash, paid Brown Bros., for part Letter of Credit, No. 655 for $1,000, sent to J. K. Robb, Treas., to purchase Pulpit Bible, etc.....	25 00	
1906. May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	53 27	
		$273 00	$273 00

Cr.

1906. May 5.	By Balance brought down.....	$53 27

THE CHURCH ERECTION FUND.

Cr.

1905. May 5.	By Balance as reported to Synod.....	$1,848 12
1906. May 5.	By Cash, From Congregations.....	1,332 49
	By Cash, From Sabbath-schools and Missionary Societies.....	12 85
	By Cash, From Individuals and Bequests	85 81
	By Cash, Dividend David Gregg Endowment Fund, by Trustees of Synod...	564 59
	By Cash, Dividend Invested Funds, by Trustees of Synod.....	153 00
		$3,996 86

Dr.

1905. June 13.	To Cash, Appropriation to Hetherton Congregation	$500 00	
	To Cash, Appropriation to Fairgrove Congregation	200 00	
1906. May 5.	To Balance carried down.....	3,296 86	
		$3,996 86	

Cr.

1906. May 5.	By Balance.....	$3,296 86

E. & O. E.

New York, May 5th, 1906.

Audited and found correct.

WALTER F. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

J. J. MAC KEOWN,
I. A. BLACKWOOD,
Committee.

NATIONAL REFORM, R. C. WYLIE, FINANCIAL AGENT.

Receipts.

1905.			
May 1.	Balance		$530 28
	Collected by T. P. Stevenson	$692 35	
	Collected by T. H. Acheson	641 00	
	Collected by H. H. George	168 23	
	Collected by J. R. Dill	940 11	
	Collected by J. S. Martin	212 00	
	Collected by F. M. Wilson	174 72	
	Collected by J. M. Foster	231 00	
	Collected by J. M. Wylie	200 69	
	Sent direct to Treasurer by Individuals, Societies and Congregations	4,195 35	7,455 45
			$7,985 73

Expenses.

Paid Rent of Office	$180 00	
Paid Rent of Telephone	19 58	
Paid Office Clerk	300 00	
Paid Salaries and Expenses of Secretaries	3,445 03	
Paid Postage, Expressage, etc.	186 61	
Paid Bills of Printing	2,800 25	
Paid Miscellaneous Expenses	186 50	
	$7,117 97	
Balance	867 76	
		$7,985 73

The above statement has been compared with the books, which have been audited and found correct.

D. CHESTNUT,
A. C. COULTER,
Auditing Committee

Pittsburg, Pa., May 29, 1906.

REPORT OF JAMES S. TIBBY, TREASURER LITERARY FUND.

Receipts.

On hand May 1, 1905	$905 22	
Contributions from Individuals	4 98	
Contributions from Sabbath-schools	12 28	
Contributions from Congregations	388 88	
Sale of Testimonies and Disciplines	25 70	
Sale of Psalm Books	196 24	
Sale of Psalm Selections	50 74	
Sale of Old Minutes	35	
Sale of 1905 Minutes	263 10	
Sale of Miss. Books	8 75	
		$1,856 24

Expenditures.

Rent Safe Deposit Box	$5 00	
Printing 1905 Minutes	345 25	
Postage, Cartage on same	37 84	
Postage on Books	31 85	
Apportionment Pres. Alliance, 1905	60 00	
Apportionment Joint Comm. Rev. of Psalms	25 00	
Advertising	12 00	
Insurance on Plates	27 41	
Expenses Rev. C. M. Smith to C. R. Synod	5 50	
Printing Order Business and Cut, 1905	3 00	
Printing 200 Blank Certificate Books	26 50	
Binding 390 copies R. P. Testimonies	93 60	
Balance on hand May 1, 1906	1,183 29	
		$1,856 24

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES S. TIBBY, *Treasurer.*

The above statement has been compared with the books, which have been audited and found correct.

D. CHESTNUT,
A. C. COULTER,
Committee.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 5, 1906.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF JEWISH MISSION BOARD.

May 1, 1905, to April 30, 1906.

Dr.

Balance reported to last Synod	$314 58	
John T. Morton, Treasurer, receipts from	150 00	
James S. Tibby, Treasurer, receipts from	1,956 09	
Sabbath-schools and Missionary Societies	129 25	
Individuals and Bequests	397 86	
Reading-room balance of account from Rev. G. M. Robb	28 92	
Interest on money in the bank	4 17	
		$2,980 87

Cr.

Salaries and wages:			
Rev. G. M. Robb, to 5-1-1906	$1,200 00		
Mr. E. J Feuersohn, to 5-1-1906	600 00		
Miss Cora Miller, to 10-1-1905	200 00		
Miss Mary F. Bell, to 9-4-1905	39 00		
Miss Margaret Smith, to 5-1-1906	69 00		
		$2,108 00	
General Expenses		343 51	
Deposit in City Trust Bank		176 28	
The company went into the hands of a receiver, but it is expected that most, if not all, of the money will eventually be returned.			
Balance on hand		353 08	
			$2,980 87

Respectfully submitted
S. A. S. METHANY, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing account is a condensed statement taken from the itemized account in the book of the Treasurer, which we have examined and found correct.

WM. STEELE,
J. C. McFEETERS,
Auditors.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 14, 1906.

PRINTING AND SALE OF MINUTES OF 1905.

The Treasurer of Literary Fund would report that he published 1,000 copies of the Minutes of 1905.

Expense for Printing		$345 25
Cartage and Postage		37 84
		$383 09
Copies sold, 877	263 10	
Copies free, 20		
897		
Deficit	$119 99	

JAMES S. TIBBY, *Treasurer.*

The Clerk cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for Robert J. Ward, D. C. Martin and George A. McKee as members of Synod's Board of Trustees for the term ending June 15, 1909.

Report of Committee on Traveling Fund. Report received, adopted, and is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING FUND.

Your committee respectfully reports:

Receipts.

Balance from 1905		$0 14
From Presbyterial Quota		2,775 99
From Deficit Assessment, $2.61 per cap		451 53
		$3,227 66

Expenditures.

EXPENSES OF DELEGATES.

To 2 delegates N. B. & N. S Presbytery	100 24	
To 11 delegates Iowa Presbytery	211 74	
To 18 delegates Lakes Presbytery	82 07	
To 30 delegates Kansas Presbytery	849 96	
To 51 delegates Pittsburg Presbytery	437 87	
To 5 delegates Ohio Presbytery	24 70	
To 8 delegates Colorado Presbytery	545 57	
To 2 delegates Vermont Presbytery	60 60	
To 6 delegates Philadelphia Presbytery	123 16	
To 5 delegates Rochester Presbytery	86 30	
To 18 delegates New York Presbytery	405 18	
To 17 delegates Illinois Presbytery	285 14	
To railroad agent	14 75	
		3,227 28
Balance on hand		$0 38

By order of committee.

J. BOGGS DODDS, *Chairman.*

Report of Committee on death of Rev. J. C. Taylor. Report received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF REV J. C. TAYLOR.

J. C. Taylor was born in Meigs, Muskingum County, Ohio, November 11th, 1843. He graduated from Muskingum College in 1870. After attendance at the R. P. Seminary Allegheny, Pa., he was licensed by the Ohio Presbytery April 3d, 1872. On December 17th, 1873 he was ordained and installed, by the New York Presbytery, pastor of Craftsbury congregation, at East Craftsbury, Vermont.

He was twice married, first to Miss Mary J. Hammill of Allegheny City, Pa., July 1st, 1873, and second to Miss Ella S. Clark of Norwich, Ohio, July 23d, 1883. He was a loving husband and father, a kind pastor, and a most genial companion. He was pious toward God, and loved his neighbor as himself. He was clothed with humility.

He did not seek eagerly for worldly gain; but, on the other hand, of that which God had entrusted to him he gave liberally and cheerfully to every good work, believing that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

He loved the word of God, and delighted to preach it. As a speaker he was not very fluent; but his sermons were scriptural, and his delivery free from affectation, his manner being sober and earnest.

From the time the Vermont Presbytery was organized he was seldom, if ever, absent from its meetings. He was not so regular in his attendance at Synod, modestly thinking that his abiding with his flock was more useful to the Church than his presence in this court.

He was a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost.

We commend his life as an example worthy of the imitation of his family, and of all those to whom he spoke the word of God.

D. C. Faris,
S. R. Wallace,
J. W. Wilson.

Report of Committee on Theological Seminary and Education. Report received and laid on the table for the present.

Report of Committee on Evangelistic Work, which had been recommitted, was again presented. Report received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Possibly hindrances to this work discourage effort. To a few of the more important, attention may be called.

1. *Failure on our Part as Ministers to Make our Ministry Bear With Sufficient Emphasis on Leading Sinners to Christ.* Development of the evangelistic idea witnesses to failure, more or less pronounced. Especially are we Covenanter ministers influenced by the idea, *We cannot do it!* We can comfort and build up the saints, and seek the children in our own families. We can lay hold on an occasional wanderer. But beyond this we are diffident. We fear to launch out into the deep and let down the net. We look with admiration upon efforts by sister denominations, and go on preaching to the saints, to their children, and to the occasional stranger. Should not we also be blowing the Gospel trumpet from the heights of Zion, and be-

lieve that we, as well as others, will be blessed of God in efforts to reach the lost sheep of the house of Israel?

2. *Sense of Responsibility for the Lost is not, in our People, Sufficiently Awakened.* If an extra meeting is attempted, some will plead excuse; that they are tired; and may be, the very next Sabbath evening, without thought of wearinesss, they are off to some protracted meeting; or to hear some minister of temporary and superficial popularity and of unsound faith. Pastors are often discouraged, "talked down," in attempts at evangelistic work. Instead of the people using the opportunity for earnest prayer, and to go out into the highways and hedges, and "compel them to come in," they will answer, *"O, we can't do anything! We can't reach people! Go and talk to them? We can't do it!"* Thus the devil puts the whole congregation to flight and drives it from the evangelistic field.

3. *Evangelistic Work is Hindered by the Wave of Ecclesiastical Amusements, the Demand for Entertainment in the House of God, Which is Sweeping over the Church.* The church stands, partly for Divine worship, partly for an entertainment hall. The matter has reached such a point that it is a misnomer to call some churches *The house of God!* The church calls with the voice of God for worship; with the voice of man, for pleasure. This misconception of the purpose for which the church was divinely instituted, and by Him who said, "My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer," has caused men to turn an ear a little more deaf. The world looks with less serious regard upon the church out of which rolls the voice of rollicking hilarity. There is little hope of the Church awakening a lost world until the "sheep and the oxen are driven out," "the tables of the money-changers overturned," all paraphernalia used in entertainments removed, and the house of God is made "the house of prayer."

4. *Another Hindrance is Lack of Faith in the Gospel to Reach Men.* We work as if the Gospel could scarcely reach grown people. The Gospel reached *men* in the days of Christ, and the parents brought their children. It reached men in the days of the Apostles: "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." It reached men in the days of Luther and Knox; and turned kingdoms to God. But it appears that we have almost given up hope, and work as if the days for reaching men were past. Are we losing faith in the Gospel? Mr. Moody dealt nearly altogether with grown people, and multitudes were reached. He believed in the Gospel for men, and reached men. We need not be filled with the idea that it is God's mighty Gospel, not for children only, but for men; for unconverted men; to make them cry out, *"What must I do to be saved?"*

5. *Another Hindrance, Imaginary, not Real, is our High Profession.* If our profession be the truth, and we all so confess; and if the truth hinders the bringing of souls into the kingdom, then God is put in the strange plight of hindering His own work! The wrong impression arises from a misconception of the part which, in grace, is assigned to men; and the part which God reserves to Himself. It is man's to—go, "preach the preaching that I bid thee;" it is God's to bring the soul, through the word, unto himself. "No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me to draw him." We need to learn and realize that truth again, when we think *we* are bringing souls into the kingdom; and could gather multitudes if we could prevail upon God not to require such full confession of His name.

In evangelistic work, there is temptation to follow the example of sister denominations and receive people before they understand the doctrines of grace; or give evidence of faith further than emotional experience; and before they read and accept the Declaration and Testimony of the Church. The farmer who does shallow plowing may get over more ground; but when the harvest is gathered, he has nubbins; while his neighbor has corn, rich and good. Souls may be grievously ruined by being led to believe that they are

saved. "Because they had no deepness of earth, they withered away." And the denomination which does such superficial work will, itself, and very soon, reach the same superficial level and reject her standards.

The Covenanter Church maintains a high profession. But instead of such profession being a hindrance, it is certainly believed that it is ground for pressing our prayers at the throne of God for the largest work of grace.

Encouragements to Evangelistic Work are many, including the presence, promise and power of God.

1. *God Prepares the Man to Receive the Message, as well as the Man who Carries it.*—For the most part, the preparation of the man to receive the message is overlooked. Let it be borne in mind that while Peter was listening to the voice of God in Joppa, Cornelius was listening to the voice of an angel at Cæsarea. God prepared Peter to give the message and he prepared Cornelius, at the same time, to receive it. When Philip was sent down toward Gaza, God was leading a Eunuch of great authority that very way; and to study the Scriptures as he went; and to read in the prophecy of Isaiah as he passed by. When God awakens the Church to a conscious responsibility for, and earnest longing to reach, neighbors, acquaintances and strangers about her; when she is led to prayer on their behalf, and feels impelled to go and invite, entreat, and compel them to come in, she can gather assuredly that God has prepared, and is preparing, them to receive the messengers and the message. But it is cause for distress if God has the man, as the Eunuch, pass by; and the messenger, as Philip, is not there.

2. *The Spirit Upon Which all Work is Absolutely Dependent, is Promised in Answer to Prayer.*—Prayer is an acknowledgment of our inefficiency, and an appeal to God to carry forward His work. Are we ready to give all glory to God, to appeal to Him to reach the lost, and to use us as instruments in His hands? Is it possible we are vessels not "broken," and not "meet for the Master's use?" Do we realize the efficacy of prayer, and the inefficacy of man's wisdom and power? O, if we could but see the stream of humanity, broad and deep, pouring in ceaseless torrent over the precipice into perdition, cursing and blaspheming as they go, would the sight not awaken the voice of most importunate prayer, and quicken our steps to the rescue? Call the work "evangelistic," or what you may, it is earnest, prayerful effort, to reach these perishing millions! Does not every tie of human sympathy eloquently appeal and cry—*Haste with the message of the love of God! "praying always with all prayer and supplication."*

3. *Last of all, Has Not God Sent His Ambassadors for This Very Work?* And is there not as full promise to the Covenanter ministers as to any other? Will not God bless the word at his mouth, as well, at least, as at the mouth of the minister who takes the train on Sabbath? who takes the horrible oaths of Masonry? who uses Jehoiakim's penknife on the Bible? who corrupts the worship by casting our Zion's Songs and adds all kinds of worldly music? who rejects the mediatorial authority of the Lord Jesus Christ? who swears that men are supreme in the State, and can make law contrary to the law of God? Are the full Gospel and pure worship discredited by the Head of the Church? To ask, is to answer, such interrogations. The Covenanter minister, in view of the breadth and scope of his profession, has, if his life corresponds, special promise and assistance of the Redeemer.

Your Committee would recommend the following:

1. That ministers be encouraged to make their ministry bear with special emphasis on God's call unto men to repent, and seek God through Christ; and that special effort be made to reach the multitudes going to destruction; for the commission reads, *"preach the Gospel to every creature."*

2. That the membership be encouraged to invite, entreat, and compel those without, to come and hear the message of mercy; and that, individually,

they labor to bring men under the power of the Gospel, realizing their responsibility to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel."

3. That in gathering the fruits of regular and special services, pastors and sessions be encouraged to labor zealously to prepare people under conviction, for confession of Christ's name, dealing gently and truly with souls; and as the influence of example in churches all about us would tempt to accept a superficial confession, pastors and sessions are reminded that candidates, before they are to be received as members, are to receive and accept the Declaration and Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

F. M. Foster,
J. M. Faris,
Thomas Patton,
W. F. Wilson,
James Torrens.

J. C. McFeeters and James Torrence were granted leave of absence.

On motion Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8.30 A. M. Prayer by R. C. Wylie.

Same place, Tuesday, June 5th, 8.30 A. M., Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Roll-call was omitted.

Minutes read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

Unfinished Business.—R. C. Montgomery, J. C. French.

Order of Business.—R. C. Wylie, H. G. Foster, D. C. Mathews, J. H. Forsythe, J. M. Wallace.

Devotional Exercises.—G. N. Greer, R. J. George, E. L. McKnight, M. R. Mahaffey, John Taggart.

Evangelistic Work.—F. M. Wilson, Robert Clarke, E. A. Crooks, J. A. Dodds, R. A. Adams.

State of Religion.—J. Milligan Wylie, D. O. Jack, H. H. George, J. H. Braum, J. M. Henning.

Sabbath.—B. M. Sharp, Thomas Patton, M. M. Pearce, W. J. Connery, Charles McIlhinney.

Sabbath-schools.—A. A. Samson, W. J. Sanderson, G. R. Steele, J. W. Pritchard, J. G. Love.

Young People's Societies.—I. A. Blackwood, E. G. Elsey, W. J. McBurney, John Mitchell J. E. Huheey.

Secret Societies.—S. G. Shaw, D. H. Coulter, J. W. Dill, M. Williamson, M. Chestnut.

Psalmody.—W. J. McKnight, W. S. Fulton, J. M. Johnston, D. S. Mitchell, J. R. Steele.

Signs of the Times.—R. Hargrave, Samuel Edgar, J. W. F. Carlisle, J. R. Dill, Thomas Rambo.

Credentials of Delegate from Christian Reformed Church were read.

The hearing of the delegate, Rev. H. M. Vander Ploeg, was made the first order of the day at opening of afternoon session.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Mr. Vander Ploeg.

Report of Committee on National Reform. Report received and taken up item by item for adoption. Report adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REFORM.

The Committee on National Reform would report the following:

One paper has been referred to us, the Report of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association. This report contains much ground for encouragement. It shows that the National Reform Movement continues to possess increasing vitality, and is being directed according to the demands of present day conditions. The National Reform Association is a needed organization. This is noticeably manifested by the reception given to the literature published by the Association. Speaking of the volume by Dr. Wylie entitled "Sabbath Laws in the United States" the report shows that "This volume has been received with great favor by the religious press, and by the earnest friends of the Sabbath." The Board of Managers of the American Sabbath Union writes: "We acknowledge this addition to our library as one most timely and exceedingly valuable." We would emphasize that there underlies these facts a great principle of Christian success. That principle is that if a people or association of workers so develop themselves as to make their services positively valuable to those about them, their services will be in demand, and the necessary remuneration given to enable these services to be performed. The Association has proven it is needed, by both publications of years past and especially of the present. The work that is being performed, as shown in the report of the Executive Committee, is a wide one. We have already referred to the extensive literature. Many conventions are being held. Institutes in connection with summer assemblies to give ministers and students and other Christian workers an opportunity of studying the Christian Principles of Civil Government are a comparatively new, but exceedingly valuable department of the work. The somewhat unique institutes, conducted by Prof. Dill for the purpose of enabling the generality of people to acquire a knowledge of Bible principles of government, have interested and instructed large numbers. This reaching out of the work has continued until there is now proposed, as stated in the report, a World's Conference on the Christian Principles of Civil Government. This is a large proposal, but a reasonable one. The national reform movement always has been world-wide in principle. But also the movement has become world-wide in fact, however on the frontier of the national reform field it may lack depth and height. The secretaries of some of the leading Foreign Mission Boards have been asked to co-operate and have agreed to do so. This means that the missionary forces under these boards—many of the workers at least—will give their support to the movement. It is to be remembered also that a very large number of the foreign missionaries go from our own country, consequently that hundreds of missionaries are familiar with the movement and in sympathy with it. The ease and rapid extent of travel and communication also have made many of various classes of Christians familiar with the movement.

In regard to all the work of national reform we should bear in mind that it is only the blessing of God's Spirit that can enable us to deal with the conditions of to-day, and keep the workers true to the great principle upon which the movement stands, the Kingship of Christ over the nations, and the duty of acknowledging His right to reign. And for all the degree in which we have been kept faithful to this we give God, through Christ, the glory.

One special cause for thanks we feel we should record to-day. The

report of the National Reform Committee of last year contains the statement: "We exceedingly regret the serious accident which has befallen Brother Acheson and trust that the present hopes for his complete recovery may be speedily realized." Those hopes, we are grateful to God, have been so far realized that this valuable worker has been enabled to enter upon his regular work.

We recommend:

1. That we express our gratification at the manifest progress of the National Refork Work.
2. That we approve the proposal for a World's Conference on the Christian Principles of Civil Government.
3. That our ministers and members assist in the distribution of the literature published by the National Reform Association.
4. That we encourage our young people to the systematic study of National Reform, and that they be urged to support Rev. T. H. Acheson, Special Secretary to Young People's Societies.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. Gilmore,
C. D. Trumbull,
M. M. Pearce,
Wilson Dougherty,
J. G. McAnlis.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

In accordance with your request we present the following condensed report of the work of the National Reform Association during the past year.

I. Our Literature.

In our last report we stated that fully one and a half million pages had been printed and placed in circulation during the preceding year. This year our publications have reached a total of 2,861,375 pages, or very nearly three million pages. This included an issue of five thousand copies of the volume by Dr. Wylie on "Sabbath Laws in the United States." More than one half of this edition has been already disposed of. This volume has been received with great favor by the religious press, and by earnest friends of the Sabbath. The Board of Managers of the American Sabbath Union writes: "We acknowledge this addition to our library as one most timely and exceedingly valuable."

The General Secretary of the Union also writes: "The whole Church of God is to be felicitated on having such an invaluable and helpful compendium of timely knowledge regarding Sabbath laws in the United States," and asks permission, which has been cordially granted, to reproduce the map contained in this volume on a large scale, nine by fourteen feet, to be used in addressing public assemblies.

Among documents in course of preparation is a leaflet for distribution among foreigners, to be rendered into the various languages spoken by our immigrant population and a series of twenty-five eight-page leaflets designed to facilitate the systematic study of the Christian principles of civil government, and of their application to practical questions in the life of the nation.

We request all our ministers and members to assist in the distribution of the literature published by this Association.

II. Public Meetings and Conventions.

Meetings and conventions have been held during the year in Boston, arranged for by the Rev. J. M. Foster; in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, arranged for by the Rev. W. R. Laird; in Camden and Trenton, New Jersey, arranged for by Secretary Dill; in Toledo, Ohio, arranged for by the Rev. Dr. H. H. George and the Rev. F. M. Wilson; at Wichita, Kansas, and Pueblo, Colorado, arranged for by the Rev. J. M. Wylie. At the Wichita convention a masterly argument for a Christian amendment to the National Constitution was made by a leading lawyer of that place, and the convention unanimously requested the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the State of Kansas to support in Congress the submission of such an amendment; and also to support the proposed Christian form of the pending anti-polygamy amendment.

At the Trenton convention the superintendent of the city public schools requested the schools to close an hour before the usual time that the teachers might hear the addresses on "Christianity in Public Education." About one hundred and twenty-five teachers came in a body, in response to this suggestion.

Two efforts were made during the year to promote systematic study of the subjects embraced in the field of our work. One of these was a summer school for four days at Winona Lake, Indiana, and the other an institute of four sessions held in connection with the annual meeting of the Association in Allegheny in December last.

III. Our Laborers.

The Rev. Dr. H. H. George was reported last year as disabled by long continued illness from active work. We are glad to report that he has so far recovered as to be able to give one full month to public labor in connection with the Toledo convention. The Rev. T. H. Acheson was laid aside during almost the whole year in consequence of injuries referred to in our last report. A great multitude of earnest friends rejoice in his recovery, and in his return on May 1st to the field of his work.

Secretary J. R. Dill has given his whole time to the work, holding many meetings and conventions.

Dr. R. C. Wylie continues to labor effectively as business manager and assistant editor of the *Christian Statesman*, and as Treasurer of the Association, refusing any compensation for his work.

The General Secretary has edited the *Christian Statesman* and other documents, has conducted an extensive correspondence, has attended five conventions, and delivered many addresses.

IV. Important Forward Steps.

At the annual meeting of the Association steps were taken to secure, at some early day, a suitable building as headquarters for the Association.

Two years ago we referred to a proposal which had just been brought before our Executive Committee that we make arrangements for a world's conference on the Christian principles of civil government. At our last annual meeting the Executive Committee was instructed to proceed with this undertaking, provided sufficient encouragement be met with. A call for such a conference has been prepared and published in the May number of the *Christian Statesman*. The proposal has received cordial encouragement from the secretaries of some of the leading boards of Foreign Missions, the American Boards of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the American Baptist Missionary Union. We ask your express encouragement for this proposal.

Finally, we would repeat the words with which we closed our report a year ago, as follows: "Our whole work is becoming more and more dis-

tinctly a religious movement; a striving for a real turning of the people to God with confession of sin, with prayer for pardon and genuine purpose of reformation." We attach the highest importance to the thoughts which these words express. and to the fact which they record.

We ask for a renewal of the appropriation made last year to the work of this Association.

The Rev. T. H. Acheson has been appointed to speak for this cause before your Synod.

T. P. Stevenson,
R. C. Wylie,
F. M. Wilson,
J. S. Martin,
J. R. Wylie,
H. H. George,
D. C. Martin,
T. H. Acheson,
R. M. Downie,
J. S. Thompson,
R. H. Martin,
J. S. Tibby.

Report of Committee on Supplies. Report received and laid on the table for the present.

Report of Committee on Theological Seminary and Education was taken from the table. Report as adopted is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND EDUCATION.

The Committee on Theological Seminary and Education would respectfully report:

The reports committed to us give evidence of a good state of affairs in both Seminary and College.

The attendance of the students in our Seminary is very encouraging and deserves the highest praise. Where there is such faithfulness in preparation for the work, we may expect faithfulness in the work.

We would say to the young men of the Church, though the ministry may not stand equal in monetary remuneration, yet our sacrifice is only in temporal things, and when you truly give yourselves to the service the Master is good for the reward. In home and foreign fields still there is room for consecrated talent.

The professors have been faithful in their duties, and the good hand of our God has been upon them in health of body and vigor of mind.

We remind the Church that the full amount of the appropriation should be cheerfully given.

We recommend the reappointment of Dr. T. P. Stevenson and of Messrs. Boyd, McIlhenny and Sterritt as their own successors.

The Geneva College work is of high character. Students educated at our own institutions have the confidence of the Church, and we would urge parents that even at much sacrifice, if need be, they should send their children to our own college.

Our institutions for education are a very important part in our Church life and we urge upon the attention of our people that their gifts of money should be cheerfully made to these institutions.

We recommend that Dr. C. D. Trumbull be elected as his own successor for two years as one of Synod's Board of Corporators. And that James S. Tibby be elected on the same Board of Corporators as successor to John T. Morton, deceased.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. McFALL,
JOHN H. PRITCHARD,
T. C. SPROULL,
M. W. LESLIE,
J. W. WILSON.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary respectfully reports:

The Board met in the Seminary Tuesday, April 24th, 1906, 9 A. M., and adjourned on the following Wednesday afternoon.

Twelve students were in attendance during the session, viz.:

Third Year.—Wm. James McCullough.

Second Year.—John Coleman, William Otis Ferguson, Ernest Chalmers Mitchell, William Melville Robb, Augustus Theodore Smith, David Raymond Taggart and Alva Allison Wylie.

First Year.—Samuel Guy Finney, Archibald Anderson Johnston, Robert Walter Piper, and Robert Euwing Willson.

Discourses were delivered by all the students. These and the examinations were heartily sustained.

The attendance of the students this year was remarkably good, nine out of the twelve having been present at every recitation during the session.

Certificates to their respective Presbyteries were given to the students of the second year and a diploma to Mr. McCullough of the third year.

Professor Sleeth gave instruction in elocution.

The professors reports were published in connection with the account of the closing exercises.

The term of Dr. Stevenson and of Messrs. Boyd, McIlhenny and Sterritt has expired.

We ask for an appropriation for this fund of $1,500.00.

Respectfully submitted,
T. P. STEVENSON, *Chairman.*
J. W. SPROULL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College respectfully submits its annual report.

The report of our Board of Trustees which we have approved and transmitted to you, will be presented by its Secretary, Rev. J. R. Wylie. From this report you will see that the financial interests of the College demand most careful consideration. Synod's Board of Trustees in its report, now in the hands of your Committee of Finance, has presented its claims against the College Board for a debt incurred by the Geneva Company Limited, in the erection of a dormitory on the college grounds for the benefit of the institution. We also submit our views of the case. Let it be dis-

tinctly understood that there is no conflict between Synod's Board of Trustees and our Board of Trustees. The two boards are making an earnest and united effort to liquidate a debt, which has arisen in connection with efforts to promote the interests of the college, which efforts were made with the approval or under the direction of Synod. No money has been lost to the Church. Synod's Board of Trustees has the dormitory, and its value is greater than all the indebtedness. And the college has had all the benefits of the dormitory since the time of its erection. The losses have fallen entirely upon the members of the Geneva Company Limited, who made the investment, purely for the interest of the college, under terms which precluded any profit to themselves, and who have surrendered their entire stock to Synod's Board of Trustees. The Church has the title to the property, the college has the advantages arising from having such a building on its grounds, and the money contributed to remove the indebtedness will be so much clear gain. It is such an opportunity as rarely occurs for the Church to enrich herself by paying a debt.

The Board of Corporators approves the request of its Board of Trustees for the annual appropriation.

To correct a mistake of last year, Rev. C. D. Trumbull should be elected as his own successor as Synodical member of the Board of Corporators to serve for two years.

We recommend that J. S. Libby, Synod's treasurer, be chosen as successor to John L. Morton, Synodical member, deceased.

Dr. R. C. Wylie and W. P. Johnston appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
T. P. Stevenson, *President.*
R. J. George, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Trustees of Geneva College respectfully report that the work of the College has been carried forward without interruption during the school year.

Early in the year God, in His wise providence, removed from us our beloved friend and co-laborer, Mr. John T. Morton, the late treasurer of this Board. We placed on our records the following minute:

John Taylor Morton, a ruling Elder in the Allegheny congregation, departed this life on Friday, the 15th of September, aged 67. He had served for more than twelve years as treasurer of this Board. We therefore make the following minute, recognizing his faithfulness and diligence in attending to the financial business of the Board, his punctuality in attending its meetings, his promptness and exactness in all his duties as treasurer. In his death the Church has lost a devoted member and office bearer, one who was deeply interested in the College and in all the work of the Church, both at home and abroad, and who gave liberally of his means to maintain the testimony of Christ and to extend the Gospel.

The health of the Faculty and the students of the College, with but few exceptions, has been good.

The attendance of students has been encouraging. The total number enrolled in all departments reached 240, as against 204 last year. The graduating class numbered 32. Of these 8 completed the Classical course, 13 the Scientific, 10 the Musical, and one the Oratorical course. It has been the constant aim of the Faculty to maintain the highest possible standard of scholarship. While students who may not desire to take a regular course may elect such studies as will suit their purposes in life,

yet all students taking any of the courses offered in the college are required to bring up all the studies of the department chosen.

The high literary standing of the College is shown by the fact that in the Oratorical contests that have been held in the last few years we have secured our full share of honors. This year the oration of our representative, Mr. Allen, in the intercollegiate contest of six colleges was deemed worthy of first place, both as to thought in the composition and as to delivery.

The library has been well patronized. The funds placed at our disposal have been judiciously employed in procuring current literature and in purchasing books that are published from time to time. We could, with advantage, use much more money if it were at our disposal, in keeping the best books extant upon our shelves. We ask for a full share of the collection ordered by Synod for the library fund.

Athletics have received a due share of consideration from the Faculty. In general, this department has been under the charge of Professor Leech, who strives to carry out the will of the Board.

The gymnasium has been open all the year when the weather was not too warm for indoor exercise. A tennis ground is being prepared under the supervision of the Faculty. There is fine opportunity on the river for rowing. The various college games have been engaged in with spirit on the part of the students. The Faculty encourage honest and manly sport, rather than victory by any methods over rivals. Owing to the abuses in connection with the game of American Rugby football, the Faculty have thought best to discontinue it.

We aim to maintain the same high religious standard that we have reported in the past. All students are required to study and to recite Bible during their connection with the College. If any student fails to attend this recitation his grades may be withheld in other studies.

Dr. Kennedy has, as in the past, given valuable instruction to the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Association. Prof. Smith has met regularly with a class for the study of Christian Missions. The Students' prayer-meeting has been well attended and much interest manifested. As a result of the religious influence exerted, four students have this year joined the Volunteer Band.

The Faculty will remain as last year, with the exception that Miss Adelaid O. Brierly has resigned the department of German and French. The Board has taken steps to fill the vacancy. The Board feels that we now have a competent corps of instructors, and that the efficiency of the College should increase from year to year. It is with no little degree of satisfaction that we point to the men and women who have been educated here, and are now doing efficient work in all the departments of the Church.

We regret to report that our finances are not in a satisfactory condition. Not one-third of the amount asked by Synod to be raised by collections is given by the Church. The current fund is not sufficient to meet the expense incurred in running the College. It is imperative that the Endowment Fund be increased at once. To this end the Board has granted Dr. Johnston leave of absence next year, the Vice-President, Dr. Geo. Kennedy, to act as President during his absence. President Johnston is greatly encouraged in this work by the offer on the part of Mr. Andrew Carnegie to supply the last $15,000 of an additional endowment of $60,000. We believe that if the whole Church will take hold of this work that the funds that the Institution so much needs will be on hand. We commend the President of the College to the sympathy and liberality of the Church in this most important work.

We ask that Synod name $2,500 as the amount to be raised by collection for the College next year.

DORMITORY.

After the erection of the present College building the need of a dormitory became urgent. An Association was formed, the Geneva Company, Limited, to erect such a building. This company received from Synod's Board of Trustees a loan of four thousand dollars, and with this money, added to the subscriptions of the members of the Geneva Company, Limited, the present brick building was erected on the College grounds. The enterprise did not succeed in getting an income so as to pay off the loan, or even to pay the annual interest thereon. This Board of Trustees of the College have obtained from the members of the Geneva Company, Limited, a release to Synod's Board of Trustees of all their right, title and interest in the Dormitory. Within a recent period this College Board has made extensive necessary repairs upon the building, expending in all $2,530. Of this amount this Board, with the authority of Synod (see Minutes of Synod, 1904, page 98), borrowed $1,600 from Synod's Board of Trustees, the remainder being furnished by President Johnston, he hoping to collect what is due from the Church. The debt of $1,600 has been reduced to $967. The amount of the accumulated interest on the original loan of $4,000, as reported to us by the Treasurer, is $4,011, making a total debt of $8,978 due Synod's Board of Trustees. The Dormitory is the property of the Church, and is worth more than all the charges against it, but this Board is in no position to admit of the charging to the current account of the College, from the Geneva Company, Limited, this accumulated interest. We are already burdened with an overdraft that bears annual interest. To add the interest due on the debt of the Dormitory will involve us in a growing annual deficit. Neither do we admit that the debt on the Dormitory can justly be charged to this Board, yet this money, all of it, should be returned to Synod's Board of Trustees. It was taken from Church funds and credit has been given in view of reimbursement. We therefore recommend that Synod's Board of Trustees be instructed to create a Dormitory Sinking Fund as a separate account, and that Synod solicit money for this account, and appropriate, from time to time, a share of such moneys as may be placed in its hands for its disposal for general Church use.

Thus the Church will reimburse its treasury for the outlay, having in possession a building that could not be erected at the cost at which she has gained it.

The amount of endowment for the College, paid into Synod's Board, has been increased more than $4,500 during the year.

We speak for the continued patronage and financial support of the Church. There are great advantages in the youth of our Church being trained in our own Institution. The College must be made worthy of those seeking an education. Geneva was founded to create an influence in favor of Christ the King. Other colleges teach the languages, sciences and philosophy. So does Geneva. But she has a distinctive aim—to send forth men and women who will toil to place the crown upon the brow of the Lord. No other seat of learning has so noble a purpose, and no college has higher claims for moral and financial support.

Respectfully submitted,

A. KILPATRICK, *President.*

J. R. WYLIE, *Clerk.*

Collection for Janitor and Mail Boy. Amount $23.25.

The following action was taken: That when Synod adjourns, it be to meet in the Allegheny Church on Wednesday, May 22d,

1907, at 10.30 A. M., Eastern Time, and that the sermon of the retiring Moderator be given at that hour.

Report of Committee on Discipline. Report received and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1.—Amended and adopted.

Item 2.—Records in the case were read. The parties were heard. On motion the complaint of Brooklyn Congregation against Synod's Board of Trustees was sustained, in part, and the Board was instructed to pay to Brooklyn Congregation interest from Dec. 20th, 1905, to end of fiscal year.

Item 3.—Adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

The Committee on Discipline would respectfully report that the following papers were placed in their hands:

1. Paper No. 13, a memorial of members of the Session of Los Angeles Congregation, praying Synod to direct Sessions to certify members taking up residence within the bounds of another congregation to the Session of that congregation.

Such a rule as the one asked for has long been in existence. We re-affirm the rule in the following form: A member removing from one congregation and taking up his residence within the bounds of another congregation, shall within one year from removal request his certificate for the congregation where he resides, and the Session of the first congregation shall send to the Session of the second congregation the certificate granted and furnish a duplicate thereof to the removing member.

2. Paper No. 9, a complaint from Brooklyn Congregation against Synod's Board of Trustees. The complaint is regular, and we recommend that the parties be heard, each side to be limited to ten minutes.

3. A resolution proposed by Rev. J. M. Foster on the matter of Greek Catholic Baptism.

This question has been before the Synod a number of times, and has been given careful consideration; and we do not feel called upon to recommend any change in the long-standing practice of the Church in this matter.

T. H. Acheson,
J. A. Black,
D. B. Willson,
D. J. McIlhatten,
J. C. Calderwood.

Devotional exercises were engaged in, led by C. D. Trumbull.

Recess taken until 1.30 P. M. Prayer by D. S. Faris.

Same place, 1.30 P. M., Synod met and was led in prayer by J. L. McCartney.

Roll-call omitted.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion Central Board of Missions was allowed two hundred dollars to explore the field in Western Canada.

Delegate from Christian Reformed Church, Rev. H. M. Vauder Ploeg, extended cordial greetings to Synod. The Moderator responded.

The following action was taken: Resolved that Synod has heard with pleasure the address of the delegate from the Christian Reformed Church; that we reciprocate cordially the fraternal sentiments which he has expressed; and that we appoint a delegate to attend the approaching sessions of the Christian Reformed Synod, at Holland, Michigan, June 20, 1906.

Committee on Traveling Fund reported a correction to be made in their report—a deficit of $22.29 was discovered.

On motion it was ordered that Synod's Treasurer pay this deficit and carry it over as a deficit in Traveling Fund until next Synod.

Report of Committee on Union of Presbyteries was taken from the table. Item one was amended and adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION OF PRESBYTERIES.

The Committee on the Union of Presbyteries report: There have been referred to us two papers; the first is a petition from Vermont Presbytery, asking to be dissolved, and to have its congregation placed under the care of another Presbytery.

1. In answer to this petition, we recommend that Vermont Presbytery be granted permission to meet with the New York Presbytery in Bovina, N. Y., on September 18th, 1906, at 7.30 P. M., and that these two Presbyteries be authorized to take all steps necessary to affect their union into one Presbytery, to be known as the Presbytery of New York. The boundaries of said Presbytery to comprise the boundaries and congregationss hitherto included within the jurisdiction of each of these courts.

2. We also recommend, that the present Moderator of New York Presbytery be appointed to constitute in prayer, at the aforesaid time and place, the united Presbytery to be known as above named, and to preside until officers be chosen.

The second paper, the petition from the Presbyteries of Ohio and the Lakes to be consolidated into one Presbytery.

We recommend,

1. That this petition also be granted, and that the United Presbytery be known as the Presbytery of Ohio, and embrace the boundaries and the congregations hitherto included within the jurisdiction of each of these courts.

2. That these Presbyteries shall meet, each at the call of its Moderator, according to the terms of their last adjournment, constitute, make out their roll, approve their minutes and in view of their contemplated union, adjourn *sine die*. The members of the two courts shall then meet in the Belle Center R. P. Church, on Tuesday, June 5th, 1906 at 8.00 A. M., where the Rev. J. M. Faris, acting as Moderator, shall constitute in prayer the United Presbytery of Ohio and the Lakes, and preside until the officers of the court have been chosen.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Black,
R. Hargrave,
A. A. Samson,
J. H. Magee,
Jas. G. Love.

Report of Committee on Supplies was taken from the table. Report as adopted is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

Committee of Supplies would respectfully report: Twenty-four ministers and licentiates have asked for preaching, some for full time and others for part time, while Presbyteries have asked for the full time of but eight laborers. This is a very small proportion of the time that should be required to supply the vacancies in the different Presbyteries, indicating that congregations are not receiving appointments for all their preaching through the regular channels of the Committee of Supplies. While we recognize that the purpose of congregations in asking for the privilege of securing their own pulpit supply for a part of the time, is that they may hear certain men with a view to securing settled pastors, yet we feel constrained to call attention to the fact that this method of securing supplies tends to upset our whole system of distribution of laborers, and works injustice to those whose time is at the disposal of Synod, and puts a premium on a very undesirable method of candidating that is detrimental to both congregations and candidates. We therefore recommend that Presbyteries require their vacant congregations to secure their preaching through the Presbytery's Committee on Supplies.

We offer the following schedule of appointments:

Allen, R. C.—June and July, Pittsburgh; September and October, Philadelphia; November and December, Rochester; January and February, New York.

Allen, T. J.—June and July, Pittsburgh; August and September, Ohio; October-December, Pittsburgh; January and February, Illinois; March, Rochester; April and May, Ohio.

Coleman, E. M.—June, Kansas; July and August, Iowa; September, Colorado; October, Ohio; November and December, Illinois; January, New York; February, Pittsburgh; March and April, Kansas.

Coleman John—June-September, N. B. & N. S.; May, Ohio.

Crozier, J. F.—December and January, Rochester; February, Kansas; March, Iowa; April, Illinois.

Easson, H.—June, New York; July, Pittsburgh; August-October, Ohio; November and December, Illinois; April and May, Pittsburgh.

Faris, Isaiah—Kansas for the year.

Ferguson, W. O.—June, Illinois; July, Rochester; August, Pittsburgh; September, Ohio; May, Kansas.

Johnson, S. J.—July and August, Illinois; September, Iowa; October and November, Kansas; December and January, Ohio; April and May, Illinois.

Latimer, J. R.—June and July, Ohio; August, Pittsburgh; September and October, Rochester; November, Pittsburgh; December and January, Iowa; February and March, Illinois.

McBurney, G. R.—June, Ohio; August and September, Kansas; October and November, Iowa; December, Colorado; January and February, Rochester; March and April, Pittsburgh.

McBurney, W. J.—June-August, Kansas; September and October, Iowa; December, Illinois; January, Rochester; February and March, Ohio; April and May, Pittsburg.

McCullough, W. J.—June, Rochester; July and August, Illinois; September, Iowa; October and November, Pittsburg; December and January, Ohio; March and April, Kansas; May, Iowa.

McCartney, J. L.—July, Rochester; August, Pittsburgh; September, Ohio.

McKnight, E. L.—June and July, Iowa; August and September, Kansas; October and November, Illinois; December and January, Pittsburgh; February and March, Rochester; April and May, New York.

McKnight, R. J. G.—September and October, Pittsburgh; November-May, Iowa.

Mitchell, E. M.—June, Illinois; July, Rochester; August and September, Ohio; May, Pittsburgh.

McFarland, Wm.—July-September, New York; October and November, N. B. & N. S.; December, Ohio; January, Illinois; February and March, Iowa; April and May, Rochester.

Robb, W. M.—June, Kansas; July, Ohio; August, Rochester; September, Pittsburgh; May, Illinois.

Sproull, T. C.—June, Pittsburgh; July, Illinois; August and September, Iowa; October and November, Kansas; December and January, Pittsburgh; February and March, Rochester; April, Ohio; May, Pittsburgh.

Smith, A. T.—June, Rochester; July, Iowa; August, Pittsburgh; September, Illinois; May, Pittsburgh.

Taggart, D. R.—June-September, Kansas; May, Rochester.

Wylie, A. A.—June, Iowa; July, Kansas; August and September, Rochester; May, Ohio.

Wallace, S. R.—June, Pittsburgh; July, Ohio; August and September, Philadelphia; October, Illinois; November and December, Iowa; January and February, Kansas; March, New York; April, Rochester; May, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Slater,
R. C. Reed,
E. M. Elsey,
L. M. Samson,
J. H. Magee.

Resolution relating to the supplying of vacant congregations. Referred to a special committee to be appointed to report at next meeting of Synod.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 6.—Carried over until next Synod.

Items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and *12.*—Attended to.

Item 13.—Special Committee on Review of Joint Version of Psalms reported. Report received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE UNIFORM VERSION OF THE PSALMS.

The Special Committee to examine the uniform version of the Psalms respectfully report:

We were "appointed to examine this version, to offer suggestions to the Revision Committee, and to formulate action on this version," to be laid before Synod at this meeting. The Committee on a Uniform Version reported last year that the book would "probably be out in about two months." It was not issued till the fall. Synod had provided for placing copies in the hands of many, with this resolution: "That all our ministers and members into whose hands this revision may come be urged to give it a careful and candid examination, and to send such suggestions as they

deem proper to the members of the Committee on Revision." So we have had helpers in our work of framing a judgment on the version prepared. The Committee on a Uniform Version also reported as follows: "It is uncertain whether the Joint Committee will meet again. We hope that it will, and that it will take advantage of every suggestion that may be offered to make the version all that it ought to be."

We saw that the instructions given to us contemplated the offering of suggestions to the Joint Committee, and action on them by the Joint Committee, and some decision by this Special Committee as to the version as a whole—all within the Synodical year.

We divided up the book into five portions, each of us taking a section for special examination, in addition to a more extended examination of it as a whole. The notes of each of us were gathered up by the chairman and submitted to all the members of the Committee in turn, and the conclusions were the same in general as to the character of the version.

We are now informed that the Joint Committee may meet again, and the Synod is not called upon, therefore, to pass upon the Uniform Version at this time, since it may undergo changes from suggestions given in from various quarters.

We recommend:

1. That action upon the Uniform Version be laid over till next Synod.
2. That all who may have suggestions to submit, place them in the hands of the Revision Committee.
3. That Synod appoint a committee to examine the joint version in its amended form, and report their conclusions to the next Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. Willson,
J. A. Black,
C. D. Trumbull,
F. M. Foster.

The above Committee was continued with instructions same as last year.

D. B. Willson was added to the Committee on Uniform Version of the Psalms, and the Committee was instructed to unite with the Joint Committee in the preparation of music when the work is taken up.

Item 14.—Committee on Railroads reported. Report received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OR COMMITTEE ON RAILROAD.

The Committee on Railroad Rates would respectfully report: That application was made to the several Passenger Associations for reduced rates to this meeting of Synod and the usual rate was granted by the Central, the Grand Trunk and the Western Passenger Associations. The special agent of the Central Passenger Association has asked and has received $14.75, which should be charged to the Traveling Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Trumbull,
John W. Pritchard,
Samuel G. Shaw,
J. S. Martin.

Items 15, 16, and *17.*—Attended to.

Item 18.—Correction of Minutes. The Clerk reported the following corrections:

CORRECTION OF MINUTES OF 1905.

Page 30, line 10, for "1894" read 1904.
Page 40, line 3, for "Pennsylvania" read Pan.
Page 41, for "Sunday" read Sabbath.
Page 74, under Geneva College Endowment, line 28, insert the name Bell after the initials J. S.
Page 144, under Mission in China, for "Dr. J. L. Wright" read Dr. J. M. Wright.
Page 166, for Wilkinsburg total, instead of "947" read 4,607, and for Youngstown, instead of "4,607" read 947.
Page 6, in the list of absent ministers, include the names R. J. G. McKnight, and omit W. McCarroll.
Pages 5 and 6, credit Bear Run & Mahoning with E. M. Elsey as pastor, and Union with A. Kilpatrick as pastor.

Item 19.—Committee on Distribution of Sustentation and Domestic Mission Funds reported. Report received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF SUSTENTATION AND DOMESTIC MISSION FUNDS.

The Committee on the Distribution of Sustentation and Domestic Mission Funds would respectfully report the following items:

1. After this year no separate collections shall be asked for Sustentation; all money given for the aid of weak congregations and Mission stations, shall go into a general fund known as the Domestic Mission Fund.

2. Hereafter the work of the Board of Sustentation shall be performed by the Central Board of Missions.

3. The income from the Endowment Fund of Sustentation Fund and the Alexander bequest to said Fund shall remain as Sustentation Fund, and shall be used for aid of such congregations as shall be designated by the Mission Conference and finally approved by Synod.

4. The Mission Conference shall consist of the Central Board of Missions and delegates from Presbyteries. Each Presbytery shall be entitled to one delegate and additional delegates in the following ratio: One, in case more than three of its congregations or Mission stations apply for aid; two, if more than six apply, and three, if more than nine apply. Synod at each meeting shall appoint the time and place for the next meeting of the Mission Conference.

5. It shall be the duty of the members of Presbytery, who are appointed members of the Mission Conference to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the financial condition of the congregations they represent and to be able in the Mission Conference to speak with authority concerning the needs of the fields for which they appear.

To do this they will be expected to visit the weak congregations that are applying for aid in their respective Presbyteries, and to confer with the officials of these congregations and wherever it is necessary to visit the members of the congregation, and that these delegates report to the Mission Conference blanks embodying the facts in each case.

6. The distribution of funds to the weak congregations shall be according to the following rules:

1. All congregations and Mission stations desiring aid shall make a formal application in writing to Presbytery, and when this application has been approved by Presbytery, it shall be so certified to the Mission Conference by the officers of Presbytery, the Moderator and Clerk.

2. Congregations and Mission stations requiring aid shall renew their applications year by year, and in renewing applications will be expected to make every reasonable effort to reduce the amount for which they ask.

3. Congregations reporting that all their members pay the tithe, or that are steadily making progress toward self-support, shall be considered as worthy of special claims for favorable treatment.

4. Each appropriation shall apply for the fiscal year beginning with the first day of July following the meeting of Synod at which it is made. The payment shall be made quarterly and all appropriations as finally voted by Synod shall be paid in full.

The application of this rule to begin July 1st, 1907.

5. All rules in conflict with the above are hereby repealed and the Central Board instructed to prepare rules for the proper ordering of this plan, and report at next Synod.

W. W. Carithers,
Andrew J. McFarland,
D. G. McKee,
S. A. S. Metheny.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. Revision of the Psalter. W. J. Coleman, Chairman.

2. Treasurer of Literary Fund to transmit $25.00 to the Treasurer of the Joint Committee on Uniform Version of Psalms. Page 10.

3. Treasurer of Literary Fund to have a book of blank certificates printed for the use of Sessions and congregations. Page 23.

4. The Moderator and Clerk to write to Dr. G. D. Mathews, asking for an explanation of the seeming discourtesy to our delegate to Council of Allied Reformed Churches. Page 37.

5. The pastors of our three Philadelphia churches to carry the fraternal greetings of this Synod to General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church on the occasion of the two hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Supreme Judicatory of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Page 50.

6. Treasurer of Literary Fund to publish additional copies of our present new version of Psalms, as the demand, in his judgment, requires. Page 69.

7. Publication and sale of Minutes. Page 69.

8. Treasurer of Literary Fund to pay $60.00 to Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches. Page 69.

9. The Clerk of Synod to convey thanks of Synod to Mrs. Murtland, and also to Miss Kelley. Page 69.

10. Board of Trustees to report to Synod rules governing the making of loans, etc. Page 69.

11. Treasurer of Synod to pay to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees $300.00 as compensation for extra labor. Page 70.

12. Treasurer of Synod to send out notices of Synod's appropriations. Page 70.

13. Committee to examine work of Joint Committee on Revision of Psalms. D. B. Willson, Chairman. Page 141.

14. Committee on Railroad Rates. C. D. Trumbull, Chairman. Page 141.
15. Report of Interim Committee on Supplies. S. G. Shaw, Chairman. Page 146.
16. Report of Committee on Evangelistic Work concerning Conference. F. M. Foster, Chairman. Page 146.
17. Report of Committee on State of Religion concerning Conference. J. H. Pritchard, Chairman. Page 146.
18. Correction of Minutes—Clerk.
19. Committee on Distribution of Sustentation and Domestic Mission Funds. Page 141.

R. C. Montgomery,
J. C. French.

On motion the Mission Conference will meet in the Central Church, Allegheny, Tuesday, May 21, 1907, at 7.30 P. M.

Report of Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection. Report received, adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSTENTATION AND CHURCH ERECTION.

Your Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection would report:

Two papers have been referred to us, namely, the reports of the Boards of Sustentation and Church Erection respectively.

Sustentation.

The report of this Board gives much ground for satisfaction. Twelve congregations have made application for aid from this Fund, in sums ranging from $140 to $800, as against sixteen congregations applying last year. The total sum asked for is $4,401, $661 less than was asked for last year, while the Board has at its disposal $250 more than last year, thus making possible the payment of all requests in full. This increase of funds was due chiefly to increased liberality of the people, and not to invested funds. But it must be remembered that almost one-half of the amount available for distribution is derived from the bequest of the late Andrew Alexander, and as this will continue for only a few years, there is need to keep the claims of this Fund prominently before our people.

We recommend that distribution of funds be made according to the schedule submitted by the Board.

Church Erection.

The disbursements by this Board during the past year were small, and were strictly within the purposes for which the Board was created, namely, to assist weak congregations in completing houses of worship. Only two congregations have drawn from this Fund, Hetherton and Fairgrove, and these in small amounts. Owing to the small disbursements made during the year a larger balance is on hand than usual. This, however, should not be interpreted as indicating that the Church may cease to exercise the former liberality in contributing to this Fund, since larger demands will doubtless be made on this Fund in the near future.

We approve of the counsel of the Board to the congregation of Los Angeles, that they exercise all possible economy consistent with the demands of the situation, in planning for their house of worship, and we also ask them to bear in mind the precise purpose for which this Board exists.

The Board has carried out the instructions given by last Synod in regard to the Seattle Church, and has canceled the loan made to this congregation by the direction of Synod in 1895, and has secured the same, together with all other moneys appropriated to this congregation, by a non-interest bearing mortgage. It is a matter of thankfulness that this congregation is thus freed from all burden of debt. The additions to the church building at the Indian Mission has added greatly to the efficiency of its working plant, and the liberality of the Cash Creek Congregation and worshipers in contributing $837 to this purpose is to be highly commended.

In case of the sale of the Mansfield Church property Synod directs that the amount appropriated by this Board, together with all other moneys contributed to this purpose by members of the Church outside of the Mansfield Congregation, be returned to this Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Thompson,
John Yates,
Henry Easson,
Geo. A. McKee,
J. J. Thompson.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Board of Church Erection would respectfully report that the usual meetings have been held during the year, and business coming before the Board has received careful consideration.

Indian Mission.

Missionary W. W. Carithers reports an addition to the Church, Cache Creek. The addition is 21 x 20 feet, is built of stone, corresponding in material and style with old building. The addition is two stories high, with archway connecting the new part of the building with the main auditorium. It has two rooms, which are used to accommodate the day school during the week and for Sabbath-school classes on Sabbath. When needed, the new room is opened and used in connection with the main room in accommodating the audience. The whole cost was $1.270; contributed by Cache Creek congregation and worshippers there, $837. All rejoice in this evidence of the Lord's blessing on the work in this Mission.

Hetherton.

In our last report reference was made to the earnest effort of Hetherton congregation, Rev. E. G. Elsey, pastor, to build a house of God. They had erected a building, and so inclosed it that it could be used. In doing so, they exhausted their resources and applied to your Board for help to complete and furnish the church. The Board, after considering their case, cheerfully appropriated the full amount asked for by Hetherton congregation—$500.

Fairgrove.

In report last year the moving of the church one-half mile into the town of Fairgrove was noted. Also, that an appropriation of $400, to aid the people in their good work, had been made. Once the work was begun, however, injuries to the building were found to be greater than had been anticipated. The cost of putting the building in order and completing the work exceeded the money raised by the people and the $400 appropriated by your Board. Application for additional help was made. After considering the case, and with the statement to your Board that the congregation had done all it could, financially, an appropriation of $200 additional was made.

Seattle.

At the request of Seattle congregation, the Rev. T. M. Slater, pastor, Synod generously instructed the Board of Church Erection to cancel the loan of $1,000, made by direction of Synod, 1895, to Seattle congregation, with accrued interest on said note. Seattle congregation furnished Treasurer Walter T. Miller all the "papers" for record, and also gave non interest-bearing mortgage covering all moneys appropriated, and which included the $1,000 referred to above. Synod, for this act of generosity, has the sincere thanks of pastor and people of Seattle congregation.

Los Angeles.

From its organization high hopes of Los Angeles congregation have been cherished, not by the people only, but by the Church at large. Last year, by reason of two distinct centres, about thirty miles apart, it was divided into two congregations—Los Angeles and Santa Anna. Each congregation has now a settled pastor, Los Angeles the Rev. P. J. McDonald, Santa Anna the Rev. George N. Greer. Santa Anna has not, so far as known to your Board, taken steps for procuring a church. Los Angeles, however, some time ago purchased a lot in a desirable location. The lot is 50 x 125 feet and cost $1,550. Of this amount the congregation contributed $380.

The congregation have taken steps looking to the erection of a church. They had somewhat elaborate plans drawn for a building which would entail a cost of about $8,000, and asked an appropriation of $2,000 from your Board.

According to rule adopted by Synod, the plans were submitted to Board of Church Erection. After considering them, the Board expressed the view that the plans for Los Angeles Church were too elaborate and too expensive for so small a congregation, when nearly all the money is to be raised through the denomination.

In the meantime, Los Angeles congregation was given the privilege of canvassing for funds, to see what response would be made. The Board also stated that they should not expect an appropriation of more than $1,000, once the building was well-nigh completed.

At a later and recent meeting, the funds not coming in as rapidly as could be desired, the congregation resolved to erect the Sabbath-school end of the church and allow the main auditorium to wait. With this modification of their plans, the congregation has reduced the amount asked for from your Board to $1,000. Their application will be considered after Synod.

Mansfield.

Through Secretary of Board of Trustees, Mr. D. Chesnut, information was received that the Trustees of Mansfield church property had applied to the courts for the privilege of disposing of the property.

On May 16th, 1881, your Board made an appropriation of $500, which, on account of various delays in the construction of the church, was finally paid by Treasurer Walter T. Miller on April 30th, 1884.

Should the property be sold, and the congregation dissolved, this money, and contributions made for the building by members of the church outside of Mansfield congregation, should be returned to the Church Erection Treasury. A statement of the appropriation, together with transcript of minutes of Board, bearing on the case, was sent to the Secretary of Synod's Board of Trustees, which has the legal matters in charge.

Treasurer Walter T. Miller, in his report, shows:

Receipts.

From all sources, together with balance as reported to last Synod.$3,996 86

Disbursements.

To Hetherton	$500 00	
To Fairgrove	200 00	
Total disbursements		$700 00
Leaving balance on hand		$3,296 86

Your Board asks for the usual appropriation of $5,000.

In conclusion, your Board, to guard against misunderstanding, would call attention to the work for which the Board of Church Erection was called into existence, viz.: not to begin, but to help weak congregations to *complete* the house of worship.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT MCAFEE, *Chairman.*
F. M. FOSTER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUSTENTATION.

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 30th, 1906.

The Board of Sustentation would respectfully report that the following congregations have applied for aid from the Sustentation Fund, viz.: Barnet, Second Boston, Coldenham, Kansas City, Lochiel, Mercer, Muskingum and Tomica, Rehoboth, Slippery Rock, Syracuse, West Hebron and White Lake, and that the amount asked for is four thousand four hundred one (4401) dollars.

We have in the treasury for distribution four thousand four hundred seventy-eight dollars and twenty-three cents ($4,478.23), made up as follows, viz.:

Balance from last year	$25 68
D. Gregg Endowment, interest	564 59
Executrix Estate of Andrew Alexander, dec'd	2,000 00
Congregations, Sabbath-schools, and individuals	1,887 96
Total	$4,478 23

This enables us to pay the full amount asked for by the congregations.

The amount asked for this year is six hundred, sixty-one dollars less than that asked for last year, and there are two hundred fifty dollars and fifty-five cents more in the treasury this year than last.

The increase in the D. Gregg Endowment this year over last year is twenty-eight dollars and twelve cents, and there were contributed two hundred twenty-one dollars and thirty-one cents more this year than last by congregations, Sabbath-schools and individuals.

The following table shows the deficit in each congregation and the amount supplemented by the Board, etc.:

Congregations	Members	Salary Pd. by Cong.	Pd. per Member.	Deficit	Supplement by Board.
(a) Barnet	62	$450	$7 26	$261	$261
Boston, Second	67	400	5 97	800	800
(b) Coldenham	58	500	8 62	300	300
Kansas City	61	700	11 48	500	500
(c) Lochiel (6 mos)	37	500	13 51	150	150
Mercer (10 mos)	56	527	9 41	140	140
Muskingum and Tomica (9 mos)	17	300	17 65	300	300
Rehoboth	45	509	11 11	300	300
Slippery Rock	53	500	9 43	300	300
Syracuse	65	600	9 23	600	600
West Hebron	28	350	12 50	450	450
White Lake	56	500	8 93	300	300
				$4.401	$4.401

a. Received $89 for supplying other pulpits.
b. Manse $100, included in $500.
c. Manse $50, included in $500.

We ask for an appropriation of $6,000.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SPROULL, *Chairman.*
A. C. COULTER, *Recording Secretary.*
W. J. COLEMAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Report of Committee on the Signs of the Times. Report received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The Committee on the Signs of the Times would respectfully report: To the speculative question so often asked, "Is the world growing better or worse?" We would answer yes, and no, both. The good at least, in many respects, are growing better, and the bad worse, and these two facts furnish us reasons for both joy and sorrow.

CAUSES FOR THANKSGIVING.

The evangelistic spirit is on the increase, and the desire to lead souls into the Kingdom is growing more fervent. Whatever may be thought of the movement in Wales, in Liverpool and London, in California and Australia, it is a change from the dead formality of years before. Thousands of people have been moved to think of God and their souls, of sin and death, and eternity. While some may have been philosophizing about what these events mean, whence they have come, and what shall be the result of them, there is the best of evidence that many souls have been saved. And who is not thankful for anything that awakens immortal souls from the sleep of death to the joy of everlasting life? Evangelistic services in many congregations are indications of awakened zeal. Revival seems to be in the air. Again, reform work is progressing. Notably is the temperance cause advancing. Of the twenty-seven millions of population in the Southern States, seventeen millions of them are reported to be under prohibition; of the hundred and ninety-seven counties in Tennessee, one hundred and nineteen of them are under prohibition; of the one hundred and sixteen counties of Kentucky, seventy-six of them are under prohibition, and the prohibition sentiment is growing rapidly over the remaining portion of the Southern territory. A like sentiment is passing widely over the North. The cry, "Down with the saloon," is

growing more popular in many directions. The Government dispensary in South Carolina has proved a signal failure and been abandoned. The frantic liquor effort to restore the army canteen perished before it came to the light. The sweeping elections of last fall have served a notice upon politicians and political parties that the liquor platform is no longer a safe one to stand upon, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, always anxious, is to-day jubilant over the growing signs of the utter overthrow of the drink system in our land.

National reform, too, is being more widely accepted. It has passed the day when men attempt to oppose it; rather now are they inquiring for light concerning it. Where men have not made up their minds to accept the theory that Christ is the rightful Ruler of the nations, and should be acknowledged as such, they are waiting for a fuller development of the facts that may set the matter more clearly before their minds.

Public opposition to Mormonism and polygamy and unholy divorce is growing more intense.

The peace conclusions that were reached at Portsmouth made millions glad.

The progress of arbitration at The Hague and the friendliness of the nations of the earth towards each other are matters of gratitude.

These, together with the almost unparalleled agricultural, mechanical and commercial prosperity of the country for the past year, with the bright outlook for the continuance of the same this present year, furnish abundant reason why, as a Church, we should lift our hearts to God in Thanksgiving. We therefore recommend that the annual Day of Thanksgiving, the last Thursday of November, be appointed to be observed as a day of thanksgiving.

CAUSES OF FASTING.

We should be humbled that the Spirit of God has been so long and so largely withheld from the Church, that a large part of the Church has been so slow to recognize that the Spirit is a royal gift from the exalted and enthroned Mediator. Having failed to recognize this princely character of the gift of the Spirit, they have also failed to see that the acknowledgment of Christ in this exalted position is a necessary condition to the outpouring of that Spirit. "For the Holy Ghost was not yet given because that Jesus was not yet glorified."

We mourn that with the wide diffusion of light concerning Christ's kingly character, so large a portion of the Church fails to see that its connection with a government, that disowns Him as King is a fruitful source of all evils that the government authorizes or tolerates. It is as clear as logic can make it that these evils are traceable, at least in a measure, to the support that Christian people give to the government that authorizes the evils.

We lament the want of confidence among men in all relations, business, social, ecclesiastical and political.

We lament the prevalence of impurity and profanity.

We mourn the apparent increase of false systems of belief, false religions, "of sciences falsely so-called," that are deceiving immortal souls.

Humbled for these and like evils we recommend that the Church be more earnest in searching out of reason why the Spirit is so long withheld, and fervent in prayer that it may soon be given "like rain on mown grass, or showers that water the earth." We recommend that Thursday, of the Week of Prayer be observed by all our congregations as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. GEORGE,
S. F. KINGSTON,
E. M. ELSEY,
JAS. B. PATTERSON,
JAS. S. CANNON.

Report of Committee on Secret Societies. Report received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

The Bible contains a complete rule for the whole life of man. It tells him how he should live with reference to God. What his conduct should be toward Jesus Christ. How he should regard the work of the Holy Spirit. The Bible and its teaching should not be narrowed down to Sabbath-day living. It is wrong to suppose that it has no reference to our pleasures, our business, our professions. That it does not bear directly upon our political, industrial and social relations in life. We read that the Word of God is given to us by Divine inspiration and that it is "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Not simply some good works.

In every sphere of life the Word of God touches the whole being of man. It is man's rule and man's guide. Since this is true, how should we, in the light of God's Word, regard secret associations? By secret associations we mean all societies of whatever sort, organized for whatever purpose, having secrecy as one of their fundamental principles. We presume that the secret lodge is one of the strongest forces for evil in our land to-day. It is widespread. We find it among nearly all classes of people, both men and women. Go where you will the secret society system has erected its beautiful temples in all our large cities. It has established its lodges in every little town and hamlet throughout our country. Not only do we find it among business men and men of all professions, but we find it in our schools of learning. Our universities and colleges and even high schools have their fraternities and Greek-letter societies. Time will not permit us to state all the objections which might present themselves for discussion under this vast and important subject. But let us consider two points which we believe will be sufficient to show that the whole secret society system is in direct opposition to the spirit of true religion and the teaching of our Lord and Saviour.

I. Its members are required to disregard the example of Christ.

Christ's example is as binding upon us as is His command. When He was asked as to His teaching He replied, "I spake openly to the world. I ever taught in the synagogue and the temple, and in secret have I said nothing." Let us suppose that these secret organizations are doing good. That the Good Templars do "promote the temperance cause," or that the Masonic Lodge "promotes faith in God, hope in immortality and charity to all mankind." What right has a Christian man to hide that work from his wife and children? Christ told His disciples to proclaim on the housetop that which He had told them in private. A Christian man joins a secret order. When he returns home his wife says, "Husband, what has kept you away so late to-night?" At first he endeavors to evade her question, but she insists, and he says, "Why, my dear wife I have joined the lodge and was being initiated." "I did not know that you intended to join the lodge. What did they do? What did you do? Come tell me all about it." He looks at his pleading wife for a little and then says, "I can not tell you what they did. I am sorry, but I am under obligation not to tell." This one point ought to settle the lodge question for any Christian man. O, how desperately wicked for an organization of ungodly men, with professing Christians, to impose such awful oaths as they do upon a fellowman that he will always conceal things from his closest and dearest companion on earth, when God has said "they twain shall be one flesh!" Or from his children, who are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone! We cannot understand how Christian men can be led into such places of darkness.

But now when the husband refuses to answer his wife she questions him all the more, just as women will, and we do not blame them. They have a

perfect right to know where their husbands are and what kind of company they keep when not at home at night, as they ought to be, with wife and children. The wife says, "Was there anything wicked about it?" "No, nothing wicked." "Was there anything ridiculous?" "No, nothing ridiculous. It was all very solemn." "If there was nothing wicked about it and nothing ridiculous why not tell your wife?" The husband again replies, "I am under obligations not to tell. I would not dare to reveal the things that were done." In a great many cases the wife then says, "Well, if men can have their lodges and their secrets so can the women." As a result we have husband and wife in the same family having their secrets. Do we need to wonder at our evil divorce system? The tendency of the lodge is to break up the home and destroy family relationship. Our Lord has said, "In secret have I said nothing." It is plain to be seen that the secret organization is in direct opposition to the example of Christ.

II. Its members are required to violate one of our Lord's most explicit commands.

Upon one occasion our Master said to His disciples, "Ye are the light of the world." It is the duty of the disciples of Christ to bear testimony in behalf of all revealed truth. It is their important work as followers of the Lord Jesus to show to mankind the difference between right and wrong. Therefore our Lord said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Now if it is true that every secret society is doing good are not its members doing wrong in withholding the light? Can men see their good works that they may glorify God? Go into any city or even to our smallest towns and you will find them holding their meetings in the second or third story of some building behind barred or guarded doors and curtained windows. No one is allowed to enter without first obligating himself by oaths which are nothing short of blasphemy and to which are attached the most outragous and wicked penalties, that he will not tell to those on the outside what is done within. Is that letting the light shine? Is that not violating Christ's command? For these two reasons we come to the conclusion that the secret society system is not in harmony with true spirit of the Christian Religion and that it is in direct opposition to the example and teaching of our Lord.

We are aware of the fact that we have not taken up all the objections which can be made to secretism. We have said nothing concerning the claims of some of these lodges to be Christian institutions; concerning the lodge as a foe of the Christian Sabbath; nor concerning the immoral obligations laid by the lodges on their members. We have said nothing as to secret labor unions. We have only mentioned the fraternities of all kinds in our schools, colleges and universities and even high schools among mere boys. Too much cannot be said in condemning such societies with their inhuman, abominable practice of hazing which has so often resulted in injury for life and, in a number of cases, death. How these things can be tolerated in Christian schools is more than we can understand.

We are glad to note, however, that some action has beeen taken by the Chicago Board of Education to shut out fraternities from high schools.

We do not hesitate to say that the whole secret society system is ensnaring and dangerous. Its tendency is downward and not upward. Away from the light into darkness. It is contrary to Him who said, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." "Come out from among them and be ye separate."

Your committee would recommend that the position of the Reformed Presbyterian Church on the matter of secret organizations be reaffirmed for the following reasons:

1. Secret societies are contrary to the example and teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. They give protection to wrong-doers in helping them to escape from justice.

3. They are a great hindrance in the way of reaching the souls of men with the salvation of the Gospel, since men are too often satisfied with the religion of the lodge.

J. M. Johnston,
C. D. Trumbull,
D. O. Jack,
D. S. Faris,
George Aikin.

Committee on Psalmody reported. Report received, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PSALMODY.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church has always testified for the exclusive use of the Psalms of the Bible in the worship of God. These Psalms we render with the voice alone, without the accompaniment of any instrument of music. Officers and members alike are solemnly bound in covenant to the following language of our Declaration and Testimony: "The Book of Psalms, which are of divine inspiration, is well adapted to the state of the Church, and of every member, in all ages and circumstances; and these Psalms, to the exclusion of all *imitations* and all uninspired compositions, are to be used in social worship." Chapter 24, section 8.

We have a "Thus saith the Lord" for such form of worship. It is, therefore, not so much for us to prove the rightfulness of the exclusive use of the Psalms in worship as it is for those who use uninspired songs to show a like authority for both their matter and manner of praise.

The inspired Psalter has been the Church's book of praise in the days of her purest doctrine and most consistent practice.

The Church is one in all ages. The Book of Psalms, her manual of praise, has never been superseded by a better, nor its appointment in worship rescinded by the authority of the King and Head of the Church.

The Psalms were sung by the Jewish Church, "furnishing the bridal hymns, the battle songs, the pilgrim marches, the penitential prayers and the public praises." They were sung by Christ and the apostles, and are indeed "the word of Christ." We, therefore, stand in line with the Old Testament Church, and the Apostolic Church, and the Church of the Reformation in singing the songs of the ages.

Objection is made against the use of the Psalms that they are not suitable for praise in this age of the world. It is not denied that they were once adapted to praise in the Church.

God never changes, and His praise is always the same. Being once suitable for praising God, they must still be in the twentieth century. If they are to be the songs of the millennial Church, which many who do not now use them admit, then why drop them out during the intermediate period of the existence of the Church?

Again, we are told the Psalms are not adapted to use in seasons of religious revival. But where, in modern times, shall we find a more successful revival than that of which we read in Acts, second chapter, when Peter, in his sermon, drew largely from these very Psalms, and the result was the conviction and conversion of 3,000 souls? In these days, when we hear so much of "singing the Gospel" into men as a means of carrying on revival work, why not sing more of these words of Christ as found in the Psalter?

We have to meet this objection to-day, in view of the success of revivals, both in the Old and New World. It is possible that the seeming great results are largely from the faithful preaching of the Word to

the hearts and consciences of men. Were the Holy Spirit's own words used in praise, the results would certainly be even greater and more lasting than they now are.

Again, it may be said if the Psalms and revivals have one Author, the Holy Spirit, then they must go hand in hand in doing the Lord's work.

Some object to the Psalms on the ground that they do not contain the name of Jesus. But do they not contain a more perfect revelation of Christ than all the uninspired songs in existence? If they are full of Christ, which cannot be denied, it matters not under what names or titles He appears. In the Psalms we find such names as "Savior," which is the same as Jesus; "Anointed," which is Christ; "Lord," "King," "Son" and "Governor." Bishop Horsley says: "There is not a page of this Book of Psalms in which the pious reader will not find his Saviour if he reads with a view of finding Him."

They speak of His person, character, offices, work, sufferings, death, resurrection, ascension, mediatorial reign, coming to judgment, and growth of His spiritual kingdom, with vividness almost equal to the New Testament Scriptures. What more do we want, what more do we need than the perfect Saviour and King as presented in the Psalms?

Of the Psalms John Milton wrote: "There are no songs to be compared to the songs of Zion: I shall wish I may deserve to be reckoned among those who admire and dwell upon them."

Our fathers and mothers have found these Psalms an unfailing fountain of comfort and strength, because they express the inner feelings and experiences of the human soul. When you go into the sick chamber and wish to read something that will give comfort and hope to the afflicted, the mind seems to turn naturally to the Book of Psalms. When we ourselves desire to get nearer to God and express the longings of the soul for God, nothing so well serves our purpose as the songs of the Hebrew poet.

The Psalms are God-centered. Songs of human composition are man-centered. The Psalms take us directly to God.

Your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the singing of the Psalms in family worship be not neglected in the homes of our people.

2. That all our ministers be urged to maintain faithfully the exposition of the Psalms as a regular part of the public worksip, and that ministers in the explanation of the Psalm as a part of the public worship seek to find and show forth Christ therein.

3. That both ministers and members be enjoined to be true to covenant vows when providentially placed where uninspired songs are used in worship.

4. That we express the hope that the version of Psalms prepared by the joint committee of the churches will be an important step in the direction of Scriptural Church unity.

W. T. K. Thompson,
J. A. Black,
James McCune,
David Love.
James R. Henderson.

Report of Committee on Nominations. Report received. adopted, and is as follows:

Delegate to Christian Reformed Synod.—T. H. Acheson.
Committee on Supplying of Vacant Congregations.—W. J. McKnight, J. M. Faris, J. B. Gilmore, Wilson Dougherty, Charles McElhinney.
Committee on Railroads.—C. D. Trumbull, J. S. Martin, J. W. Pritchard.

C. M. Smith, *Chairman.*

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Report was received, and as adopted is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report that a letter from the Church in Ireland was placed in our hands, and the following reply has been prepared.

R. A. Blair,
R. C. Wylie,
Robert Clarke,
J. R. Steele.

R. P. Manse, Bready, Strabane.
May 10th, 1906.

Dear Brethren.—We are reminded that the time of your annual meeting of Synod is approaching, and it is with feelings of the deepest pleasure that we again renew our fraternal greetings and earnestly wish that "grace, mercy and peace be multiplied unto you."

Your welcome and interesting letter was duly received and read in our Synod at its last annual meeting. We deeply sympathize with you in the loss you have sustained by the death of some of your most active, devoted ministers, and we lament that only quite recently you have sustained a further loss in the death of Miss Cunningham of Suadeah, one of your most earnest and indefatigable workers in the mission field. We rejoice to learn that, notwithstanding many discouragements, you are still prosecuting with unabated earnestness and vigor the great work with which you have been entrusted—that you are still seeking the salvation of sinners and the edification of believers both at home and abroad, and that you are leaving no Scriptural effort untried, in order that you may bring the nation to recognize the supreme authority of Zion's exalted King. Of these things our brother, the Rev. Professor Lynd, D.D., who was with you quite recently has testified very fully, having lectured on the subject of his recent visit to America in a number of our congregations.

We regret to state that since our last meeting of Synod the Rev. W. S. Ferguson, Grange, who had retired from the active duties of the ministry some time ago, passed away in the 94th year of his age. Mr. Ferguson was a man of great originality, possessing preaching gifts of a very high order. We cannot help referring also to the death of the Rev. Dr. Kerr, of Glasgow, who was called away in the month of October last, in the 59th year of his age. Although Dr. Kerr belonged to the sister church in Scotland, he was brought up in one of our own congregations, and took the deepest interest in all our affairs. He was a man who was "valient for the truth." He was a fearless and uncompromising opponent of everything that was unscriptural both in doctrine and worship, and by his removal at such a comparatively early age, the whole Church has sustained a severe loss; on the other hand we have much for which as a Church we ought to be profoundly thankful.

Four of our Licentiates have been settled over congregations during the past year—Mr. Moffett, B. A., over the congregation of Milford, Mr. Warnock, B. A., over the congregation of Killinchy; Mr. James Blair, over the congregation of Ballyclare, and Mr. James Lyons, B. A., over

the congregation of Cullybackey. It is to us a matter of special satisfaction that while two of these congregations, Milford and Cullybackey, were formerly under the care of the Eastern R. P. Synod, they have now cordially united with us. We expect that during the present month the four students who have been in attendance at our Theological Hall during the past session will receive licenses. We shall then have seven Licentiates, all of whom we hope may soon find spheres of service, either at home or in the mission field.

You will, we have no doubt, be pleased to learn that the Rev. A. M. Thomson, M. A., whom you kindly gave to us in our time of need, has been carrying on our Colonial Mission work in Geelong, Australia, with great success, and that the congregation there is now in a most satisfactory condition.

In conclusion, we would say to you in the words of Paul to the Philippians, "And this we pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment, that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ into the glory and praise of God."

Yours in Covenant bonds,

JOSEPH MCEWEN, *Convener,*
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Pro tem.

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD,

BELLE CENTER, OHIO, June 5, 1906.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Ireland:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your letter containing your annual greetings duly received and read in our present meeting of Synod. We rejoice with you that your earnest prayers for laborers have been heard and that you have so many young men who have fitted themselves for the Gospel ministry. We pray that the Lord of the harvest will use them much as laborers.

We sorrow with you in your bereavement by death of a Father in Israel, and also with you and your sister Church in Scotland in the removal of one well-known throughout the whole Church for his ability.

In your next letter we would like very much to know something of your mission work both among the Roman Catholics at home and your work in Syria.

Our work has been carried on during the past year with many tokens of the Lord's blessing. While not making a great advance in numbers, nevertheless considering the high standard we hold in private, social and political life, we have reason to be encouraged. Our reform work and our testimony for our Redeemer's rights are meeting with more and more favor and success with those outside of our own denomination, and while on account of the entanglements of the world not many have as yet the courage to come out boldly and join us, yet the Christian people all over our land are coming to realize that we hold the only true solution of the social and political evils. We ask for your interest and help in the great World Conference on the Christian principles of civil government, to be held in 1909—a tentative call for which has been printed in the *Christian Statesman* for May, 1906.

Again we are called upon to sorrow by the removal of one of our faithful ministers, Rev. J. C. Taylor. On the foreign field, as well, devoted laborers have been called to their reward, *i. e.*, Miss Jennie B. Torrence, who laid down her life at her post in China, the second member of her

family to die on that field, and Miss Meta Cunningham, known better by you than by us, for she came from you—a woman who needs from men no praise as her work of faith and labor of love are well-known and who has already heard her Master's "well done."

Our great need to-day is for workers to fill the ranks of those fallen in far away lands and also to press into regions beyond. For some reason, we know not why, no one seems both able and willing to go to the foreign field, while at home we really have more workers than there are openings for labor. As we joined with you in your time of need, so now we ask your earnest prayers that the Lord would thrust men and women into His harvest.

The attention of our Synod has been called to the fact that this year is the 200th anniversary of the accession to the ministry of our Church of the Rev. John MacMillan and we have been directed to convey to you our sense of the importance of the event and to express our hope that we may long be privileged to contend together for the principles which our fathers held in the days of the Revolution Settlement.

Wishing you all joy in the Lord and that you may prosper as your soul prospers,

We are yours in Covenant bonds,
Signed on behalf of the Synod,
J. RENWICK WYLIE, *Moderator*,
R. C. MONTCOMERY, *Clerk*.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in session in Belle Center, Ohio, June 5, 1906, deeply regrets that Mr. Reed Smoot, an apostle of the Mormon Church, still retains his seat as a Senator of the United States, notwithstanding the evidence which has proved the complicity of the hierarchy with the system of polygamy, in defiance of law and in violation of the solemn compact made with the nation in the admission of Utah as a State. We therefore earnestly petition the Senate to adopt the report of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, declaring that Reed Smoot is not entitled to his seat. That the Moderator and Clerk are instructed to transmit this, our petition, to the Senate of the United States.

2. That the Committee on Uniform Version of Psalms be empowered to arrange for a meeting with the Committee on Review, May 21, 1907, to agree on any alterations in the revision that may be deemed necessary to prepare the version adopted.

3. (1) That a Bureau be established in connection with the Central Board of Missions, with headquarters in Kansas City, to which all sessions shall be instructed to report all members removing from their bounds and not into the immediate bounds of another congregation. (2) That it shall be the duty of this Bureau, in conjunction with each session reporting to it, to follow up such removals, by correspondence and otherwise, so long as they continue to hold their membership in the Church, or are provided for in another congregation. (3) That the Bureau shall report to Central Board of Mission quarterly. (4) That A. J. McFarland, Jr., be Secretary of this Bureau.

4. That the thanks of Synod are hereby given to the pastors of Belle Center and Northwood Congregations, to the pastors and Churches in the village, to the people who have opened their homes and hearts, and to the railroads.

A resolution with reference to the indoctrinating of our youth was referred to the Committee on State of Religion to report at next meeting of Synod. C. M. Smith was added to said Committee.

The minutes were read and approved.

Synod adjourned with prayer by S. G. Shaw, the singing of the 133d Psalm and the Benediction by the Moderator, to meet in the Allegheny Reformed Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, May 22d, 1907, at 10.30 A. M., Eastern time.

J. Renwick Wylie, *Moderator.*
R. C. Montgomery, *Clerk.*
F. M. Foster, *Clerk, Pro tem.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending May 1, 1906:

In accordance with the usual custom at the first meeting of the Board after the adjournment of Synod, the legal reorganization of the corporation was attended to; A. C. Coulter being elected President; Samuel McNaugher, Vice President; D. Chesnut, Secretary, and J. S. Tibby, Treasurer.

There have been the usual number of meetings of the full Board during the past year.

At the last meeting of Synod, as shown by the printed Minutes, there were some items concerning which you took action relating to this Board, and others, about which you gave us specific instructions; hence, before we enter upon the report of the later business of the Board we will briefly refer to them.

First.—THAT AS TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE BOARD: Messrs. A. C. Coulter, Daniel Chesnut, and A. B. Copeland were made acquainted with your action in electing them to serve as members of this Board for three years ending June 15th, 1908.

Second.—The direction of last Synod to your Board in items 6, 7, 9, 10 and 18 has been attended to.

Third.—RULES GOVERNING MAKING OF LOANS, COLLECTIONS, ETC.: You ask for information at this meeting of Synod in regard to this subject. We answer as to this matter that in our By-Laws are found the following rules:

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE.—"The President shall appoint annually at the first meeting after June 15th, each year—unless the Board shall by motion do so—an Investment Committee who shall examine into and pass upon all bonds and mortgages, or other securities that may be offered the Board for investment, and no such securities, etc., shall be accepted, unless passed upon *unanimously* by the Committee."

LOANS TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.—"When any member of the Board shall make application for loan on his own behalf, or on behalf of a fellow member of the Board, it shall be referred to the Investment Committee, and subsequently, upon being reported back by said committee to the Board, the applicant for the loan shall withdraw from the meeting while the said loan is under consideration, and the vote shall be by ballot." (See also rule as to unanimous vote; Rule 9.)

It may be added here that there are many unwritten rules, each for some good and sufficient reason, that may be said to be established by custom in the Board; included in these are that no loans, mortgages, etc., are considered or taken upon unimproved or vacant ground exclusively, nor upon flats or non-productive and undesirable property, nor upon distilleries, or property used for the drink traffic, or other disreputable purposes, as well as for kindred and allied sinful uses, nor upon play houses, theatrical buildings, nor upon investments in railroads and many other Sabbath breaking corporations and industrial establishments as well as speculation in stocks of all kinds.

All real estate mortgages are limited to property located within certain bounds, so that the distance and expenses shall not be too great to allow all the members of the Investment Committee, consisting of a majority of the Board, to visit and appraise the property upon which a loan is to be made. In seeking such investments, as a general rule, it is purposed not to loan over fifty or sixty per cent. upon *our* appraised value, though the amount

loaned will vary somewhat at times, owing to the amount of net annual rent or income to be derived therefrom, and idle invested funds as well as the security of good investments.

Fourth.—MEASURES TO COLLECT UNPAID OBLIGATIONS: We report as to the subject to which you made reference at last meeting of Synod, that it is the custom of the Board in such cases when it becomes necessary to take the proper legal steps required to collect delinquent obligations, and in the line of such custom your Board issued the usual instructions to the proper officer of the Board.

Fifth.—THE SETTLEMENT OF GENEVA COMPANY LIMITED DEBT: Several plans for the payment of the Geneva Company Limited debt, comprising the loan and interest to date, were considered, and all found more or less objectionable; finally, the one considered the most practicable was selected as meeting at least four ends in view. *First,* to prevent further annual increase of the debt to date; *Second,* one that will allow additional time for the Trustees of Geneva College and the Trustees of Synod to, if possible, jointly evolve some better plan than the present one; *Third,* as a method by which no further injury or loss from non-action at this time will continue to work further injustice to the funds to which the debt is due, and *Fourth,* as a plan by which, if it shall be considered for the best interest of the College, the present debt, in whole or part, may remain unpaid for some years to come, or until a more propitious time shall appear to have come for the extinguishment of the debt. It was thereupon on motion

Resolved, That inasmuch as the capital stock representing a large investment on the part of various stockholders of the Geneva Company, Limited, has, we believe been totally lost to them, being absorbed in the interest of Geneva College, chiefly in the erection of the large brick structure located upon the ground of the College for a Dormitory, the management of said Dormitory and of the said limited Company, having been abandoned by said Corporation; the Dormitory, however, in the meantime continuing to be, and now being used in the interest of the College, and

Whereas, The Geneva Company Limited in their creation and object in view, had the interest of the College, primarily, in mind in the building of the Dormitory; that the College professors and friends generally, as well as the Synod, endorsed the projected Dormitory; that strong pressure was exerted through friends of the College for financial assistance of the said Limited Company upon this Board, and

Whereas, The Minutes of the legally constituted Board of Trustees of the College show that the loan made the Geneva Company Limited for the purpose of erecting the Dormitory was made at the *solicitation* of their Board and *for the interest of the College,* and that the said Board of Trustees by their Minutes, of which we have been given a certified copy, are under WRITTEN PLEDGE to do all in their power to secure a settlement of this claim; and furthermore, in consideration of the fact that Synod's title by deed in fee simple to the College ground, whereon the Dormitory in question is erected, is admitted to legally carry with it and vest title of the Dormitory in Synod; therefore, in justice to all concerned,

Be it Resolved, That the Treasurer shall charge annually, until further ordered, as a necessary expense of the College, to the Geneva College Current Account, interest on the debt and interest thereon that may be found due and unpaid to this Board, by the Geneva Company Limited, on May 1, 1906.

It is the belief of your Board that the charge made at this time to the College, can be more than offset by certain gifts that may go elsewhere, but can be given to the College Current Account. One illustration will be found in our recommendation, in view of the present settlement meeting with approval, that an appropriation of eight hundred and twenty-four dollars ninety-one cents ($824.91), shall go to College Current Account, as per item in this report.

Sixth.—In reference to the net proceeds of the sale of the Greensburg Church property, amounting to one thousand six hundred and ninety-two ($1,692.00) dollars. For various good reasons we withhold any recommendation as to using this fund this year.

Seventh.—CHARTERED CONGREGATIONS: We report that for several years past we have experienced difficulty in securing certain Church properties to the general body for want of congregations being duly chartered, in some cases when congregations have obtained charters not much less difficulty has arisen because the charters were drawn without sufficient care to protect the general body in cases of withdrawal from the jurisdiction of the Synod as well as a lack of sufficient legal expression to protect minorities loyal to the Church.

Wishing, therefore, to do what we can to hereafter conserve the interests of the denomination and of adherents to the Synod in disorganized congregations, we ask Synod at this meeting, as a preliminary to future plans upon this subject, to direct all sessions of congregations under the care of Synod, who have no charters, to either forward to us for examination, and safe keeping, their deeds or attested copies thereof, for all properties owned by the congregation, and in like manner that all charters or acts of incorporation or copies of the same be mailed to us by such congregations as have charters, with a statement as to whether or not their deeds for property are made to and held in the name of the corporation.

Eighth.—INVESTED FUNDS: The amount of bonds, mortgages, real estate and other investments, and accounts including cash on hand at date of the Treasurer's report for the year ending May 1, 1906, is five hundred and forty-six thousand, one hundred and thirty-two and seventy-nine one-hundredths (546,132.79) dollars being, as compared with the year preceding, an increase of thirteen thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight and fifteen one-hundredths (13,768.15) dollars. The net earnings, excluding the David Gregg Bequest and Mrs. Agnes McInroy Investments, were fourteen thousand five hundred eighty-seven and eighty-four one-hundredths (14,587.84) dollars, which sum has been credited to such missions and schemes as were found entitled thereto.

Ninth.—THE COLLEGE AND SEMINARY LIBRARY FUNDS: We ask that Synod, as usual, shall direct that a collection shall be taken up for the use of Geneva College and the Theological Seminary to the amount of five hundred (500) dollars, and that the amount received in response to such call shall be equally divided between the two institutions named.

Tenth.—We report that the term for which Messrs. Wm. Blair, Robert J. Ward and John A. Dodds were chosen members of this Board will expire on June 15th, 1906. We, therefore, ask Synod at its present meeting to elect by ballot, as required by law, three persons to serve as Trustees for three years ending June 15th, 1909.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board,

D. CHESNUT, *Secretary.*

(The above is an abstract of the Secretary's report prepared by Committee on Finance, by order of Synod.)

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION.
SUMMARY.

Receipts.

1905. Mar.	Balance		$2,847 98
	Wardrobe Committee Room	$1 00	
	Thank Offering Room	8 00	
	Jane Lindsay Room	100 00	
	Miss S. J. Isaacs	20 00	
	Mrs. R. Cameron	255 91	
	Congregational Collections	371 89	
	(a) Mrs. Mary Aiten	1,000 00	
	Managers Contingent Fund	12 50	
	Memorial Interest	240 47	
	Membership Dues	267 50	
	Admission Fees	400 00	
	Boarding	37 50	
	Current Expense	433 40	
			3,248 17
			$6,096 15

Expenditures.

Eda S. E. McKee Room	$8 00	
Rev. D. & E. M. McKee Room	1 50	
Lizzie Hunter Room	7 64	
Jos. & M. A. Hunter Room	7 65	
Wardrobe Committee Room	1 00	
David Torrens Room	7 64	
Thank Offering Room	10 94	
Miss Dryden	21 00	
Davidson Room	5 38	
Margaret Barr Room	5 36	
Jane Lindsay Room	8 60	
S. J. Isaacs	12 20	
(b) Invested Fund	2,000 00	
Miss Aiten	67 00	
Mrs. Dougherty	1 40	
Miss Simpson	6 00	
Managers Contingent Fund	10 00	
Mrs Magee	8 00	
(c) House Expense	1,681 38	
Salary	468 00	
Current Expense	328 17	
		4,666 86
1906. Balance		1,429 29
		$6,096 15

(a) Is for sale of Mrs. Aiten's property.

(b) Is money received from members of Home, on which they receive interest during life time.

(c) This amount includes $500 for repairs to building.

ANNETTE G. WALLACE, *Treasurer.*

Audited and signed.

O. WYLIE,
T. S. TRUMBULL.

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1906.

COLORADO.

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath-school Attendance	Young People's Society Attend.	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Seattle	T. M. Slater	1805 Bellevue Ave., Seattle, Wash.	4	7	21	1	89	2	160	35	108	43	152	36	36	27	21	43	36	52	29	11	18	1,015	777	2,404
1st R. P. Church, Los Angeles	P. J. McDonald	906 E. 28th St., Los Angeles, Cal.	3	2	4	19	32	2	29	15	40	10	31	...	10	10	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	450	255	806
Santa Ana	Geo. N. Greer	Santa Ana, Cal.	4	1	35	...	35	..	37	20	23	7	46	31	.....	...	3	6	5	10	4	...	...	*400	138	673
Denver	.....	....	2	2	..	2	40	4	60	25	40	113	96	...	.....	5	.....	...	.....	25	...	...	...	*390	305	974
Evans	J. M. Wylie	Box 217, Evans, Colo.	5	6	24	7	119	3	125	40	203	398	152	27	29	52	11	24	57	53	16	13	11	1,000	442	2,488
La Junta	Sam'l Edgar	La Junta, Colo.	5	3	10	...	70	2	100	25	158	64	100	20	18	18	10	16	39	38	11	5	9	575	397	1,478
Canon City	H. B. McMillan	Canon City, Colo	2	2	7	9	14	..	.....	...	17	9	21	5	10	4	2	...	.....	6	1	2	2	228	153	460
Oakland Mission	.....	Oakland, Colo.	...	..	...	4	13	..	36	...	....	26	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	165	197
.....	J. M. Armour	Seattle, Wash.	....	..	...	...	....	..	.....	...	....	....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. K. Robb	Tak Hing Chan, China	....	..	...	...	....	...	.....	...	....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
.....	J. T. Wilson	Canon City, Colo.	....	..	...	...	....	..	.....	...	....	....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
.....	James I Frazer	1715 E. Spring St., Seattle, Wash.	....	..	...	...	....	..	.....	...	....	....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
.....	T. H. Acheson	209 Ninth St., Pittsburg, Pa	....	..	...	...	....	..	.....	...	....	....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 7	No. of Ministers, 11	Totals,	25	23	101	42	412	13	547	160	589	670	598	119	103	116	47	89	137	184	61	31	40	4,058	2,632	9,474

* For supplies.

ILLINOIS.

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath-school Attendance	Young People's Society Attend.	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Pearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Princeton	D. C. Mathews	Princeton, Ind.	4	4	2	3	65	2	50	18	116	42	103	42	27	27	10	16	13	16	29	6	6	*700	278	1,431
Bloomington	Geo. R. Steele	Bloomington, Ind	5	4	8	6	107	1	200	30	80	27	86	86	16	11	9	13	5	20	14	7	11	800	†592	1,777
Old Bethel	E. A. Crooks	Houston, Ill.	5	4	8	8	136	..	90	...	136	46	164	26	29	18	12	11	17	53	20	9	10	700	169	1,420
Staunton		Wm. Frurey, Livingston, Ill.	2	2	...	3	24	..	25	...	24	9	66	6	6	6	.....	7	....	16	7	...	...	210	572	929
Oakdale	J. C. French	Oakdale, Ill.	6	6	17	21	180	5	210	30	63	77	134	21	52	22	6	8	12	36	10	7	5	900	434	1,787
Church Hill	W. S. Fulton, P. E.	R K. Wisley, Coulterville, Ill.	4	5	5	4	63	3	25	8	....	3	75	36	10	...	1	1	.....	6	2	...	...	305	256	695
St. Louis	M. M. Pearce	4630 Page Ave.	3	4	5	5	44	4	65	12	46	47	57	11	10	...	2	11	43	12	7	3	2	780	1,181	2,212
Bethel		John E. Willson, Sparta, Ill.	4	3	1	3	49	..	46	16	65	9	55	6	18	5	3	9	6	8	17	2	3	602	209	1,012
Selma	S. F. Kingston	511 Union St., Selma, Ala.	5	3	6	4	89	..	150	...	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	372	122	494
	D. S. Faris	Sparta, Ill.	....	..	...	...	....	..	...	...	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
	J. G. Reed	Selma, Ala.	....	..	...	...	....	..	...	...	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 9	No. of Ministers, 9	Totals	38	35	52	57	757	15	861	114	530	260	740	234	163	89	43	76	96	167	106	34	37	5,369	3,813	11,757

* And Manse. † $55.00 Geneva College.

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											Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	
Chicago	Robert Clarke	686 East 65th St., Chicago	4	1	8	6	56	4	127	20	105	100	105	50	50	...	....	...	5	25	5	...	...	600	1,120	2,165
Hickory Grove		D. C. Nichol, Albia, Iowa	2	2	4	2	29	..	40	...	22	..	4	4	3	2	5	...	.....	.....	...	3	4	.....	218	265
Hopkinton		T. J. Joseph, Hopkinton, Iowa, R. F. D.	3	4	...	8	107	..	....	8	245	123	57	46	18	18	.....	11	...	14	4	7	5	742	273	1,563
Lake Reno	J. R. W. Stevenson	Glenwood, Minn.	4	5	8	5	99	5	91	...	111	14	107	20	13	10	3	4	14	28	2	4	9	600	273	1,212
Morning Sun	C. D. Trumbull	Morning Sun, Iowa	7	3	6	8	156	1	151	35	324	130	265	91	107	93	8	19	119	84	24	14	15	1,000	805	3,048
Reboboth	J. A. Black	Wyman, Louisa Co., Iowa	4	3	...	...	45	..	40	12	196	35	75	41	49	12	9	8	6	20	7	6	8	500	228	1,195
Sharon	J. S. McGaw	Linton, Des Moines Co., Iowa	7	4	8	13	197	*5	190	60	688	300	106	167	145	62	28	30	29	28	36	13	16	1,000	1,304	3,732
†Vernon		E. I. Dewey, Mukwanago, Wis.	3	3	...	5	41	1	.....	...	62	21	19	17	21	10	7	5	.....	10	13	5	5	690	480	674
Washington	W. C. Allen	Washington, Iowa	3	3	6	‡5	72	..	40	25	88	60	68	87	93	...	8	11	.....	21	...	5	4	.....	368	1,504
.....	Louis Meyer	22 Solon Place, Chicago	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
....	J. M. Littlejohn	286 Warren Avenue, Chicago, Ill.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 9	No. of Ministers, 8	Totals	37	28	40	52	802	16	679	160	1,621	783	806	523	499	207	68	88	173	180	91	57	66	5,132	5,064	15,358

* One adult Baptism. † Vernon no report—estimated from report of last year. ‡ Four certified to new congregation at Santa Anna.

KANSAS

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath-school Attendants	Young People's Society Attend.	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Beulah		A. Walkinshaw, Bostwick, Neb.	3	3	2	9	100	3	115	30	27	16	28	8	12	11	1	5	157	6	2	4	4	586	100	967
Billings	W. C. Paden, S. S.	Billings, Okla.	5	4	9	1	63	1	100	36	19	7	71	5	34	6	9	5	4	13	10	4	5	500	395	1,087
Cacha Creek	W. W. Carithers, S. S.	Apach, Okla.	2	2	14	3	95	a15	195	...	25	80	20	15	245	5	5	..	60	5	42	5	5	219	77	808
Clarinda	J. W. Dill	Clarinda, Iowa	5	4	5	10	171	b2	200	50	166	69	212	131	29	41	16	26	22	29	24	12	12	800	600	2,189
Denison	Delber H. Elliott	Denison, Kans.	3	3	10	4	94	4	100	22	88	36	69	19	29	35	15	14	16	27	30	4	4	650	266	1,302
Eskridge	James McCune	Eskridge, Kans.	5	3	6	15	83	2	90	..	65	58	20	28	58	20	6	11	14	16	23	3	7	667	323	1,319
Hebron		Ambrose Copeland, Idana, Kans.	4	2	3	25	48	2	65	...	57	55	3	25	20	26	..	13	11	14	13	3	...	...	332	572
Holmwood	Robt. A. Paden.	Mankato, Kans., R. F. D., No. 3	3	4	...	2	40	..	60	...	23	22	49	6	5	3	3	...	9	7	4	2	...	300	10	443
Kansas City	Andrew J. McFarland	3118 Campbell St., Kan. City, Mo.	5	3	4	2	60	..	70	47	36	17	28	10	14	9	4	7	225	8	6	3	7	700	328	1,432
Long Branch	J. M. Johnston	Blanchard, Iowa	5	6	7	7	144	4	125	10	206	44	165	33	68	80	31	22	295	28	20	11	11	800	416	2,230
Olathe	Geo. A. Edgar	Olathe, Kans.	5	6	14	9	155	c7	140	15	f842	f918	f719	f632	47	32	16	22	534	100	22	12	14	1,000	945	5,855
Quinter		Cr J. J. McElroy, Quinter, Kans.	3	4	2	2	58	2	50	...	20	17	5	18	19	8	2	6	5	11	5	9	9	200	130	464
Sterling	J. Boggs Dodds	Sterling, Kans.	4	3	32	14	103	2	100	32	143	62	101	70	31	19	16	12	375	29	13	9	9	800	344	2,033
Superior	W. T. K. Thompson	Superior, Neb.	4	..	1	7	31	1	40	12	25	10	56	2	6	2	4	6	5	5	4	4	...	200	106	515
Tabor	S. E. Grier	Miltonvale, Kans.	4	4	2	8	51	2	60	20	26	15	50	8	15	8	5	12	20	14	8	4	4	400	131	720
Topeka	W. W. Wilson	922 Clay St., Topeka, Kans.	2	..	10	...	45	3	36	20	26	13	56	3	5	4	2	5	1	24	6	...	...	366	156	667
Wahoo	M. A. Gault.	Wahoo, Neb.	2	2	...	1	33	1	40	12	11	6	47	5	5	2	12	3	5	4	4	3	6	300	239	652
Winchester	D. H. Coulter	Winchester, Kans.	5	4	7	6	223	c2	165	74	366	200	117	100	99	47	17	48	27	83	46	11	14	1,038	795	3,008
.....	J. Ralston Wylie	College Springs, Iowa	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
.....	E. M. Coleman	Topeka, Kans.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
.....	S. J. Johnston	Hopkinton, Iowa	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
.....	Geo. R. McBurney	Quinter, Kans.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
.....	Isaiah Faris	Denison, Kans.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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No. of Congregations, 18	No. of Ministers, 20	Totals,	69	57	128	125	1,592	53	1,751	380	2,171	1,645	1,816	1,148	741	358	164	217	1,785	423	282	103	111	9,606	5,693	26,263

f Includes $577 of Mrs. Maggie McCrea McCaughan, Bequest. Adults, a 7; b 2; c 1.

LAKES

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath-school Attendance	Young People's Society Attend	CONTRIBUTIONS															
											Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
Belle Center	S G. Shaw	Belle Center, O.	3	..	9	3	43	..	60	23	90	51	46	19	19	14	4	9	342	19	4	5	10	475	159	1,266
Bellefontaine	*J. M. Feris	109 Park St., Bellefontaine, O.	3	..	1	1	35	3	....	...	28	12	49	11	10	7	4	12	4	19	8	5	5	287	134	586
Cedar Lake	C McLeod Smith	Ray, Ind.	3	4	9	12	128	3	95	30	116	13	33	15	28	7	9	9	14	34	5	5	5	800	493	1,586
Cedarville	W. J. Sanderson.	Cedarville, O.	3	3	1	3	46	..	50	15	48	18	38	13	11	10	7	16	10	17	9	5	9	425	131	767
Cincinnati	D. O. Jack	424 Hopkins St., Cincinnati, O	3	4	9	2	56	..	70	16	244	25	243	10	8	10	8	12	104	41	12	4	6	1,000	74	1,801
Fairgrove		J S. Wylie, Fairgrove, Mich.	3	2	...	15	30	..	40	...	....	....	7	...	6	...	.....	...	204	.....	...	4	...	200	90	511
Hetherton	E G. Elsey	Hetherton, Mich.	3	3	1	...	56	2	65	36	35	14	70	8	12	4	5	11	62	14	8	4	..	420	168	835
Southfield	H. G. Patterson	Birmingham, Mich.	4	3	3	7	76	3	70	15	81	35	29	19	13	4	18	7	....	8	8	6	3	639	249	1,119
United Miami	R. Hargrave	R. F. D. No. 4. Bellefontaine, O.	7	6	4	4	132	4	112	43	151	44	49	77	58	32	20	21	124	23	20	11	11	800	359	1,800
	T C. Sproull	7317 Monticello St., Pittsburg, Pa	....	..	...	...	....	..	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	...	....	....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 9	No. of Ministers, 9	Totals,	32	25	37	47	602	15	562	178	793	212	564	172	165	88	75	97	864	166	74	49	49	5,046	1,857	10,271

*Pastor elect

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA

Barnesville	.....	Wm Curry, Barnesville, Kings Co., N. B.	3	..	2	2	32	..	30	...	.....	10	5	..	3	....	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	174	19	202
Cornwallis	Thomas McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	3	...	....	4	66	1	25	...	76	16	87	3	3	3	3	5	..	2	2	3	3	400	30	636
St. John	James T. Mitchell	91 Spring St., St John, N. B.	2	5	....	....	28	..	25	...	13	13	10	..	5	....	..	....	..	....	....	2	4	536	422	1,005
No. of Congregations, 3	No. of Ministers, 2	Totals,	8	5	2	6	126	1	80		89	30	102	3	11	3	3	5		2	2	5	7	1,110	471	1,843

NEW YORK

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Increase in Membership	Decrease in Membership	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath-school Attendance	Young People's Society Attend	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Ministers' Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
First Boston	Samuel McNaugher	40 Dana St., Cambridge, Mass.	5	7	13	7	222	1	100	50	210	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	740	5	....	....	....	1,600	1,871	4,426
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	44 S. Russell St., Boston, Mass.	4	4	4	5	66	3	45	....	85	36	6	4	10	9	7	4	10	25	25	3	4	400	733	1,361
Bovina	W. G. Robb	Bovina Centre, Delaware Co., N. Y.	5	5	3	1	68	3	55	20	68	77	52	34	20	15	8	23	29	26	16	6	10	800	129	1,313
Brooklyn	John C. Slater	707 Greene Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	4	4	8	9	56	§5	40	20	96	38	140	32	32	24	12	38	37	46	26	10	16	d 8 3	581	1,961
Cambridge	G. W. Benn	54 Fayette St., Cambridge, Mass.	4	4	7	‡14	52	2	55	25	30	15	75	13	16	8	5	15	14	18	....	3	5	c 407	636	1,320
Coldenham	Thomas Patton	Montgomery, N. Y.	4	4	2	2	58	..	60	....	23	15	16	5	20	....	1	10	2	10	2	....	....	400	100	604
Kortright	....	Wm. Orr, South Kortright	2	1	....	....	20	..	9	....	22	31	12	....	22	....	....	....	....	14	....	....	....	....	185	286
First Newburgh	John W. F. Carlisle	Newburgh, N. Y.	2	3	10	8	66	16	120	80	281	71	36	83	35	28	....	....	250	26	....	....	....	1,500	700	3,013
Second Newburgh	J. R. Thompson	Newburgh, N. Y.	‖3	4	11	14	160	8	100	....	70	....	75	....	....	25	....	....	50	25	....	....	....	1,000	200	2,145
Second New York	R. M. Sommerville	325 W. 56th St., New York City.	8	8	5	15	280	*2	216	44	1,854	6,616	208	151	173	102	43	192	1,923	146	..	59	99	3,000	3,300	17,866
Third New York	F. M. Foster	345 W. 29th St., New York City.	9	3	13	10	176	3	150	....	386	97	117	39	22	35	25	51	838	26	32	19	17	2,500	2,658	6,862
Fourth New York	Irvin A. Blackwood	34 W. 128th St., New York City.	4	6	8	2	93	2	75	15	27	17	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,200	631	1,875
Walton	R. C. Reed	Walton, N. Y.	3	6	11	8	105	1	105	15	125	104	82	131	17	....	11	8	620	18	16	6	12	800	170	2,120
West Hebron	T. A. McElwain	West Hebron, Washington Co. N. Y.	3	1	....	2	28	..	20	.	30	20	25	8	8	5	5	12	5	6	6	3	4	350	103	590
White Lake	John H. Pritchard	White Lake, Sullivan Co., N. Y.	4	2	6	2	57	†1	....	....	37	10	24	10	20	8	13	10	143	10	6	8	5	500	123	927
....	S. R. Wallace	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	A. I. Robb	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	Julius Kempf	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	T. A. Rusk	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	W. M. George	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	Walter McCarroll	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
No. of Congregations, 15	No. of Ministers, 20	Totals,	64	60	96	99	1607	40	1150	269	3,347	7,147	868	510	395	259	130	363	4,661	401	129	117	172	15,550	12,620	46,669

*1 Adult. †2 Adults. ‖1 Adult §1 Adult. ‡By Purging the Roll. c For 7 months. d For 10 months. ‖ Last Year's Report.

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New Concord	A. A. Samson	New Concord, Ohio	5	5	6	5	94	2	50	22	53	25	119	20	18	15	12	15	107	32	12	4	8	600	482	1,522
Londonderry		J. E Morrison, Freeport, Ohio	4	..	...	8	27	1	...	...	...	68	10	...	10	..	...	...	.....	6	...	...	...	200	25	319
Jonathan's Creek		J. C George, White Cottage, Ohio	3	2	1	7	37	...	40	...	35	16	35	8	15	10	3	13	6	15	6	4	5	500	102	777
Utica	R. A. Blair	Utica, Ohio	2	5	9	2	84	3	50	20	156	111	40	80	39	11	8	10	218	65	11	5	6	800	419	2,012
Muskingum and Tomica		James Stitt, Frazeysburg, Ohio	2	..	1	1	17	1	14	...	16	8	10	6	7	4	8	8	2	19	3	4	5	300	55	455
North Salem			...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
.....	W. J. McBurney	Cannonsburg, Pa	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Middle Wheeling, M. S			...	...	...	...	6	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Mansfield, M. S.			1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 6	No. of Ministers, 3	Totals,	17	12	17	23	265	7	154	42	264	228	214	114	89	40	31	46	363	137	35	17	24	2,400	1,083	5,085

PHILADELPHIA

First Philadelphia	T. P. Stevenson	1211 S. 47th St., Phila	6	6	0	0	160	†5	110	45	302	587	126	54	56	40	20	36	30	111	25	17	28	1,600	1,507	4,539
Second "	J. C. McFeeters	1511 Christian St., Phila	7	0	6	31	200	2	127	20	631	62	196	50	68	66	20	28	52	72	30	16	18	2,000	1,704	5,013
Third "	R. C. Montgomery	129 W. Susquehanna Ave., Phila	8	5	9	6	163	2	140	60	284	1533	126	62	44	40	19	17	‡13,416	53	12	12	13	1,000	3,000	20,231
Baltimore, M. S.		John Wright, 1041 Hillen St., Balt., Md.	...	..	...	...	*19	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Conococheague, M. S.		Miss Sarah Foutz, Waynesboro, Pa	..	..	...	...	*9	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
.....	E. F. Sherman	Sewell, Gloucester Co., N. J.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
.....	G. M. Robb	830 S. 5th St., Phila	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
.....	M. Greenberg	857 Broadway, Oakland, Cal	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 3	No. of Ministers, 6	Totals,	21	11	15	37	551	9	377	125	1,217	2,182	448	166	168	146	59	81	13,498	236	67	45	59	5,200	6,211	29,783

* Estimated. † One adult. ‡ $13400 new church building.

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Adamsville & Middletown	J. G McElhinny	Karns City, R. D., No. 74	5	1	1	2	‡38	...	32	...	29	5	37	8	14	8	8	6	3	2	5	4	4	500	135	768
Allegheny	W. J Coleman	Allegheny, Pa., 1205 Boyle St	7	..	14	10	144	$1	150	25	457	184	457	79	317	122	*174	87	374	104	104	23	37	1,600	972	5,121
Bear Run and Mahoning	E. M. Elsey	Glencampbell, Pa	5	..	5	1	‡55	2	25	20	30	26	36	8	13	...	....	1	1,008	2	2	1	1	500	65	1,693
Rehoboth	E. M. Elsey	Glencampbell, Pa	4	..	1	2	35	$2	15	13	14	2	12	15	19	...	....	4	....	....	....	2	2	200	.....	270
First Beaver Falls	J. S Thompson	Beaver Falls, Pa., 1005 8th Ave	7	4	8	5	89	5	175	27	24	71	48	12	51	5	9	1	3	23	13	7	6	1,050	962	2,285
Brookland & Manchester	P. P. Boyd	817 Heberton Ave , E. E. Pittsburg, Pa	3	2	1	4	26	...	30	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	200	46	280
Central Allegheny	J. W. Sproull	Pusey Apartment, Maryland Ave., Allegheny, Pa	6	..	10	10	171	5	°449	129	662	23	650	16	71	6	52	75	54	5	52	56	56	2,000	2,482	6,260
Clarksburg	.....	Robert Henry, Saltsburg, Pa., R. D., No. 1	2	2	...	3	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102	20	132
College Hill	R. H Martin	Beaver Falls, Pa., College Hill	7	5	47	10	153	§24	275	88	291	120	94	77	66	23	*28	17	474	237	7	6	5	1,000	929	3,374
Geneva	H. G. Foster	Beaver Falls, Pa , College Ave. & 9th St.	7	8	7	10	135	2	341	40	233	86	163	47	81	58	18	69	37	21	92	9	11	1,100	889	2,914
East End	D. C Martin	Pittsburg, Pa., 401 N Highland Ave	3	5	7	3	71	§4	...	...	178	64	44	37	54	21	32	47	576	67	18	12	9	1,000	667	2,826
Little Beaver	J. Renwick Wylie	New Galilee, Pa	4	5	4	7	81	§2	16	15	77	25	35	24	25	11	12	10	7	75	11	7	7	†800	176	1,302
McKeesport & Mon'la	B. M. Sharp	427 Penny Ave., McKeesport, Pa	3	1	2	4	‡50	...	25	...	40	15	85	8	21	7	*1064	10	23	21	9	12	4	469	288	2,076
Mercer	W. J McKnight	Mercer, Pa	4	5	1	1	56	...	30	...	57	53	100	28	51	26	9	23	18	14	24	5	7	528	201	1,144
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	Cannonsburg, Pa., R. D., No 2	3	...	...	3	56	1	60	...	125	38	114	71	91	22	18	37	61	44	25	9	15	800	219	1,689
New Alexandria	R. J. Gualt	New Alexandria, Pa	5	2	4	8	132	5	110	...	346	53	159	133	78	39	47	48	38	50	30	16	20	900	552	2,509
New Castle	J. S. Martin	69 Oak Ave , New Castle Pa	7	6	22	31	207	4	225	65	222	92	240	45	62	31	*117	12	327	104	7	5	8	1,200	841	3,313
North Union	P. P. Boyd	817 Heberton Ave., E. E. Pittsburg, Pa	4	..	7	2	33	3	26	...	12	....	27	...	....	...	....	..	....	....	..	..	3	336	27	405
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	405 Park Ave., Warren, Ohio	2	2	...	...	13	...	20	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	20	100	...	5	5	150	60	400
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa	2	..	...	1	23	1	23	...	5	3	2	2	1	...	...	...	....	7	...	1	...	150	44	215
Union	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa	4	4	..	1	55	1	70	...	48	11	22	28	25	1	4	2	34	19	1	1	2	414	107	719
Parnassus	F. M. Wilson	Parnassus, Pa	5	4	3	5	69	1	110	25	177	69	83	46	89	36	23	27	36	127	21	5	18	908	1,767	3,432
Pittsburg	D. McAllister	8 Lafayette Ave , Allegheny, Pa	8	5	4	4	216	§4	223	70	304	46	44	160	155	16	10	51	134	240	...	35	38	2,500	3,158	6,891
Salem k	.....	.....	1	...	...	...	¶15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Slippery Rock	.....	.....	5	3	4	3	53	...	80	...	43	10	8	30	32	6	1	6	53	4	19	4	5	500	208	959
Wilkinsburg	R. C Wylie	81 South Ave , Wilkinsburg, Pa	5	..	9	12	137	1	‖122	...	236	99	426	142	302	79	28	88	73	240	67	28	41	1,900	525	4,334
Youngstown	.....	W. W. Dickey, 122 W. Boardman St., Youngstown, Ohio	4	2	1	5	‡43	2	60	15	5	18	62	5	31	...	....	...	121	2	...	..	..	275	295	814

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	R. C. Allen	Grove City, Pa																								
	T. J. Allen	Beaver Falls, Pa																								
	J. R. Baird	Indiana, Pa																								
	J. F. Crozier	Beaver Falls, Pa																								
	R. J. Dodds	Mersine, Asia Minor																								
	C. A. Dodds	Mersine, Asia Minor																								
	H. Easson	Beaver Falls, Pa																								
	J. C. K. Faris	Beaver Falls, Pa																								
	H. H. George	Beaver Falls, Pa																								
	R. J. George	Allegheny, Pa.																								
	W. P Johnston	Beaver Falls, Pa																								
	George Kenedy	Beaver Falls, Pa																								
	A J. McFarland, Sr	Beaver Falls, Pa																								
	J. J McClurkin	New Alexandria, Pa																								
	J. L. McCartney	Beaver Falls, Pa																								
	R. J. McIsaac	Beaver Falls, Pa																								
	E. L. McKnight	Allegheny, Pa., Star Route Delivery																								
	J. L. Pinkerton	Waupaca, Wis																								
	D. J. Shaw	New Alexandria, Pa																								
	J. S. Stewart	Latakia, Syria																								
	D. B. Willson	Beuna Vista St., Allegheny, Pa																								
	R. J. G. McKnight	Beaver Falls, Pa																								
	J. R. Latimer	Beaver Falls, Pa																								
No. of Congregations, 26	No. of Ministers, 43.	Totals,	122	66	162	147	2174	70	2692	532	3705	1113	2975	1031	1679	517	1654	651	3481	1,508	507	253	304	21,082	15,635	56,095

° 16 Chinese. * Part for Geneva College. † Including parsonage. ‡ Error in last year's report ‖ Six Chinese. ¶ Taken from last year's report **Clerk of session
§ Adult baptisms, Allegheny 1; 1st Beaver Falls, 1; College Hill, 19: Little Beaver, 1; East End, 1; Pittsburg, 1. †† Disorganized during the year by the death of an elder.

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Almonte		T. J. Bowes, Almonte, Ontario	4	4	7		59	2	60	...	160	22	26	11	10	8	3	12	386	9	9	3	4	.....	909	1,572
Lisbon		Wm. Robson, Lisbon, N. Y.	3	1	...	1	36	1	25	...	.....	.....	5	...	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	310	325
Lochiel		John W. Brodie, Brodie, Ont.	4	2	...	2	35	..	20	...	20	10	10	8	7	5	4	10	5	.....	.....	2	2	225	202	517
Sterling M. S.		Hugh Dugan, Sterling, N. Y.	1	1	...	2	12	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	..	2	3	..	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	165	195
Syracuse	John Yates	101 E. Colvin St., Syracuse, N. Y.	3	3	4	3	66	..	65	40	67	16	36	76	7	21	4	12	130	6	9	4	5	600	363	1,356
York	J. B. Gilmore	York, N. Y.	7	..	3	4	89	2	83	24	74	30	40	24	23	14	6	22	28	17	11	7	8	†800	291	1,395
.....	William McFarland	204 W. La Fayette St., Syracuse, N. Y.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of Congregations, 5	No. of Ministers, 3	Totals,	22	11	14	10	297	5	253	64	321	78	134	119	53	54	17	61	549	32	36	16	22	1,625	2,240	5,360

† Including Manse.

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Barnet	D. C. Faris	Box 38, R. F. D., No. 4, Groton, Vt.	4	2	2	...	62	*2	83	...	115	23	49	27	16	10	8	15	11	20	11	8	9	432	137	891
Craftsbury			.....	.....	.....	...	†53	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ryegate			2	1	...	...	17	..	.....	...	27	11	18	12	10	7	2	3	.....	10	7	1	3	.....	73	184
No. of Congregations, 3	No. of Ministers, 1	Totals,	6	3	2	...	132	2	83	...	142	34	67	39	26	17	10	18	11	30	18	9	12	432	210	1,075

* One adult. † From last year's report.

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											Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Home Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Sustentation	Church Erection	National Reform	Testimony Bearing	Aged Minister's Fund	Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Total
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia	3	2	8	12	2	6	126	1	80	.....	89	30	102	3	11	3	3	5	.....	2	2	5	7	1,110	471	1,843
Iowa	9	9	37	28	40	52	802	16	679	160	1,621	783	806	523	499	207	68	88	173	180	91	57	66	5,132	5,064	15,358
Lakes	9	9	32	25	37	47	602	15	562	178	793	212	564	172	165	88	75	97	864	166	74	49	49	5,046	1,857	10,271
Kansas	18	19	69	57	128	125	1,592	53	1,751	380	2,171	1,645	1,816	1,148	741	358	164	217	1,785	423	282	103	111	9,606	5,693	26,263
Pittsburgh	26	43	122	66	162	147	2,174	70	2,692	532	3,705	1,113	2,975	1,031	1,679	517	1,654	651	3,481	1,508	507	253	304	21,082	15,635	56,095
Ohio	6	3	17	12	17	23	265	7	154	42	264	228	214	114	89	40	31	46	363	137	35	17	24	2,400	1,083	5,085
Colorado	7	11	25	23	101	42	412	13	547	160	589	670	598	119	103	116	47	89	137	184	61	31	40	4,058	2,632	9,474
Vermont	3	1	6	3	2	....	132	2	83	.....	142	34	67	39	26	17	10	18	11	30	18	9	12	432	210	1,075
Philadelphia	3	6	21	11	15	37	551	9	377	125	1,217	2,182	448	166	168	146	59	81	13,498	226	67	45	59	5,200	6,211	29,783
Rochester	5	3	22	11	14	19	297	5	253	64	321	78	134	119	53	54	17	61	549	32	39	16	22	1,625	2,240	5,360
New York	15	20	64	60	96	99	1,607	40	1,150	269	3,347	7,147	868	510	395	259	130	363	4,661	401	129	117	172	15,550	12,620	46,669
Illinois	9	9	38	35	52	57	757	15	861	114	530	260	740	234	163	89	43	76	96	167	106	34	37	5,369	3,813	11,757
Syrian Commission	2	2	....	....	32	10	362	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mission in China	....	....	....	....	18	1	40	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	115	137	461	343	716	665	9,719	246	9,189	2,024	14,789	14,382	9,332	4,178	4,092	1,891	2,301	1,792	25,618	3,466	1,411	736	903	76,610	57,529	219,033

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